Emma Agnes Knox

October 10, 1921 – March 29, 2016



Emma A. Knox, 94, of Fort Dodge, Iowa passed away Monday, March 28, 2016 at Friendship Haven.

Funeral services held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 28, 2016 in the Celebration Center, Friendship Haven, with Rev. Bethany Willers officiating. Private burial at North Lawn Cemetery. A visitation held one hour prior to the service in the Celebration Center, Friendship Haven. Laufersweiler-Sievers Funeral Home served the family.

Emma is survived by her sons, Gary and his wife, Jenise, of Fort Dodge and Randy Knox and his wife, Charlene Erickson-Knox, of Northfield, MN; daughter, Judy Blair-Frye and her husband, Vernon Frye, of Sioux Falls, SD; grandchildren, Eric, Jason, Diane, and Sally; seven great-grandchildren; brothers, Lloyd Kempf of Woonsocket, SD; Albert Kempf of San Antonio, TX; sisters, Fern Dent of Platte, SD; and Esther McCoin of Eads, CO. She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Knox in 2011; parents, Frank and Margaret (Hansen) Kempf; sister, Marjorie VanDyke; and brother, George Kempf.

Emma Agnes Kempf was born October 10, 1921 in Woonsocket, SD. She graduated high school and continued her education with teachers training. Emma taught in three different cities in South Dakota and spent 20 years at the South Dakota School for the Deaf. Emma was united in marriage to Albert Knox at the Methodist Church in Alpena, SD on October 6, 1943. The couple established their home in Alpena. She was a member of the South Dakota Teachers Association and was a summer school teacher. Emma was very active in the church community and taught Sunday school. She held several positions in the Methodist Church women's group and youth groups. In 1961, the family moved to Sioux Falls, SD. After retirement, the couple moved to Woonsocket, SD, and then to Friendship Haven, Fort Dodge, in 2009. Emma also had a great passion for quilting and loved to share her skills with others.



Memorials may be left to the discretion of the family.