



Esther M. Alexander

September 8, 1935 - October 27, 2019

Esther M. (Dorothy) Alexander, 84, of Oskaloosa, passed away on October 27, 2019 at the MHP Serenity Hospice House in Oskaloosa. She was born on September 8, 1935 to Raymond and Edna Parrot Dorothy of rural Douds, Iowa. She later moved to Stockport, Iowa where she spent her childhood. She attended the Friends Church and was saved at the age of 14 and began working with other children at the age of 16. She attended grade school at the country Taylor School and later graduated from the Stockport High School with the Class of 1954. After high school, she attended the Iowa Success School of Business in Ottumwa. In December of 1958 she was united in marriage to Neal Alexander at the Hickory Grove Church in Stockport. To this union, three children were born, Laurie, Linda and Lowell. Neal passed away on March 22, 1991.

Esther worked in the office of the Malleable Iron Company for four years. She and Neal were leading a church youth group and traveling with them to different churches in Iowa and Missouri. Esther and Neal were a part of many faith-based organizations and traveled to different parts of the country to hold sermons, prayer band conventions and other events. After Neal passed away, she moved to Chariton and worked for two years at a gas station before taking a job at Copy Plus. She worked there for 16 years and retired in May of 2010.

Esther was an ordained minister with credentials at AFMC (Association of Fundamental Ministries and Churches in Kansas City, MO) She was also a missionary in the home mission's department with her "Christian Resources" ministry that she established in 1992. She published a Christian Resource journal quarterly for 25 years and later started a monthly e-mail "Ideas From Esther's Craft Room". She self-published many different books on different subjects pertaining to faith. She was a member of the Chariton Christian Union Church and very involved in children's ministry, Worship Team and took her turn at serving in other responsibilities at the church. In August of 2013 she moved to Oskaloosa and became a member of the Fellowship Bible Church where she continued her work in children's ministry and helped babysit the children for the members children as they attended their bible studies.

She is survived by her two daughters, Laurie (David) Budding of Pella, and Linda (Bill) Penewit of Fort Worth, TX; a son, Lowell (Kris) Alexander of Marion; A stepbrother, Vern (Carolyn) Dorothy of Mt. Pleasant; two sisters, Barbara Cox of North English and Mary (Ted) Dodd of Bartlesville, OK; twin brothers, Dale (Glenna) Dorothy of Avon Park, FL, and Gale (Judy) Dorothy of Stockport; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and a sister-in-law, Janice (Ed) Cassidy of Kansas City, MO.

In addition to her husband, Esther was preceded in death by her parents, two infant brothers, 2 brothers-in-law and a stepsister.

As a final act of generosity, Esther has donated her body to the University of Iowa deeded body program in hopes of furthering medical knowledge for the future. There are no services planned at this time.

Comments



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Esther M. Alexander.



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“ I will miss Esther at church. I talked to her this summer when she came to have her picture taken for the church directory. She looked so pretty in her red jacket. I helped her buy her home in Oskaloosa in 2013 and enjoyed getting to know her as we searched for what she was looking for. She ended up moving to a house down the street from me which was nice. She was a good worker at the church in her last years. I know she is enjoying the presence of Jesus now and at perfect peace. Thank you God for saints like Esther who served you faithfully to the end. Karen Converse

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