



Florence Reick-Besh

Florence was born May 2, 1905, in Janesville, Iowa, the daughter of John and Cora (Freeman) Jennings. She graduated from Janesville High School (the oldest living graduate). On December 25, 1925, she was united in marriage to Elmer F. Reick in Waverly. He died November 28, 1970. She then married Theodore S. Besh January 2, 1978 in Janesville. He died January 3, 1995. She taught in rural schools in Bremer County prior to her first marriage and then was head cook at West Central School in Maynard, retiring in 1968. She then worked at the Janesville Library from 1971-1977. She was a past member of the Rebekah Lodge in Janesville and the O.E.S. in Maynard. Florence is survived by her daughter, Marilyn Lee of Cedar Falls; two stepsons, John Besh of Livingston, AL and Ted Besh Jr. of Slidell, LA; five grandchildren; eleven step grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; twelve step great grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren. Florence died Monday, February 24, 2003, at the Western Home Communities in Cedar Falls. She was preceded in death by her son, Wendell Reick; six sisters, Helen Tay, Alma Harrison, Alice Bell, Katherine Dove, Beth Squires and Naida Holmes; and brothers, John and Roger Jennings.