

PHYLLIS M. BEAMAN

TAYLOR – Phyllis Marguerite Beaman, 90, of Taylor, died Sunday, March 15, 2015, at Grand View Care Center in Blair.

Phyllis was born January 29, 1925, in Winterset, IA, to parents John and Gladys (Keeseey) Armstrong. She graduated as Salutatorian of Van Meter High School in Van Meter, IA, in 1942. She played basketball in high school and was on the team that went to state. She attended Des Moines Business College and later taught shorthand at the school. Phyllis served as Staff Sergeant for the Commandant of the Marine Corps at the Annex to the Pentagon during World War II.

On February 20, 1948, she married the love of her life, Donald E. Beaman in Des Moines, IA. In 1959 they moved to Taylor where they farmed in Springfield Township. Phyllis worked at the U.S. Post Office in Taylor and at Fort McCoy. They moved from the farm into Taylor in 2000.

Phyllis was a member of the American Legion Post for fifty-eight years. She was a charter member of the American Legion in Booneville, IA, and was also a member of Hixton-Taylor American Legion Post #368, holding various offices within the organization. She delivered Meals on Wheels, volunteered for numerous American Legion events, distributed surplus food to those in need, and enjoyed friendly competition to see who spotted the first robin in the spring. Her bountiful gardens and vibrant flowers showed her close ties to Mother Nature. She knew old sayings for every season and often recited poetry while watching rain or snow. There was always room for one more at her generous table.

Phyllis loved her family and greatly enjoyed participating in family-centered activities.

Phyllis is survived by three sons, Donald Patrick (Diane) Beaman of Evansville, Kevin (Lorrie) Beaman of Taylor and Brian (Julie) Beaman of Taylor; one daughter, Mary (William) Risch of Tomah; two brothers, Eugene (Eloise) Armstrong of Van Meter, IA, and John (Linda) Armstrong of Van Meter, IA; two sisters, Viola Marsh of Mercer, MO, and Eileen Dersham of Overland Park, KS; 15 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; several step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren, besides other relatives and friends.

In addition to her husband Donald, who preceded her in death on July 7, 2004, Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents, John and Gladys; two sons, James Beaman and Kerry Beaman; two sisters, Berneal Edmiston and Joanne Richardson.

Funeral services for Phyllis will be 11:00 AM, Saturday, March 21, 2015, at Taylor Lutheran Church with Rev. Ben Ahles-Iverson officiating. Burial with military rites will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, rural Taylor.

Friends may call from 4-7 PM Friday at Jensen-Modjeski Funeral Home in Hixton. Friends may also call one hour prior to services at the church on Saturday.

Online Condolences may be left at JensenModjeskiFuneralHome.com