

# Iola M. Stewart

Iola M. Stewart, age 100 of Valentine, joined her beloved Franklin in Heaven on May 28, 2017 in Hastings, NE surrounded by family.

Born February 3, 1917 to Thomas and Lydia Stephen in her parent's home near Mills, NE, she was the second of five children. Iola graduated from Keya Paha County High School in 1934, and then taught in rural schools and helped her father with ranch work during World War II when her brother was serving in the US Army.

Iola met Franklin and they married July 2, 1949, at a Methodist church in Lincoln, NE. They had been married for 65 years. They had one daughter. Iola lived in the house that she and Frank built themselves. She was very proud of the work that he had done on the home and she was always seen tending to her flowers, even up to her final days.

Known around town as a true historian, Iola was the person to turn to when anyone needed a piece of history. Gathering around the kitchen table is where you would find her and her family when they came for a visit, always going through pictures and listening to her tell stories of years past. She loved her family very much and was always happy to share stories about them. She will be greatly missed by many.

Survivors include sister, Ilene Dobbin of Marsing, Idaho; 1 daughter, Donna of Austin TX; 6 grandchildren including: Darla and husband Todd Jr. of Hastings, James and wife Tracy of Hastings, Bethany of Hastings, Cristianne and husband Dustin of Austin, TX; Jonah of Kearney and Rebekah of Hastings; 11 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and great friends.



In Loving Memory Of

*Iola*

1917 ~ 2017

In Celebration Of The Life Of  
*Iola M. Stewart*

February 3, 1917 ~ May 28, 2017

A light from our family is gone,  
A voice we love is still  
A place is vacant in her home,  
Which never can be filled.  
We have to mourn the loss of one  
We would've loved to keep.  
But God, who surely loved her best  
Has finally made her sleep.  
After a lifetime of her love and joy  
And music to fill our ears,  
God leaves us these wondrous memories  
To help us through the years.

*~Author Unknown*

Arrangements By  
*Holmes Funeral Home - Valentine, NE*  
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**Funeral Service**

Friday - June 2, 2017 @ 11:00 am  
Berean Bible Church  
Valentine, Nebraska

**Officiant**

Pastor Scott McClellen

**Special Music**

"Elmer's Tune"

**Musician**

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**Bearers**

James Palmer	Todd Deines, Jr.
Tyler Langholz	Kyle Palmer
Matt Stephen	Tom Stephen

**Internment**

Mount Hope Cemetery  
Valentine, Nebraska