

Oneta L. Forsythe, age 99, of Sanborn, Iowa and formerly of Laurens, Iowa, died on January 13, 2019 at the Prairie View Nursing Home in Sanborn, Iowa.

Oneta Lucille Horsman, the daughter of James Henry and Myrtle Irene (Williams) Horsman, was born at Plover, Iowa, on August 21, 1919. She lived her youth in the Plover community and graduated from the Plover High School with the Class of 1936. Oneta began her banking career at the Laurens State Bank in 1946 and retired from there in 1984.

On November 7, 1987, Oneta was united in marriage to her best friend, who became her husband, Fred Forsythe, Jr. at the United Methodist Church in Laurens. They were blessed to spend 26 years together. Oneta and Fred spent 17 winters in Arizona and the remainder of their time in Laurens. They sold their home in Arizona in 2005 and continued to reside in Laurens. Freddie and Oneta moved to Sanborn, Iowa in March of 2008 where they resided at the Prairie View Manor Independent Living and the past months Oneta had made her home at the Prairie View Inn.

Oneta was a member of the Laurens United Methodist Church since 1938, the Order of Eastern Star and a charter member of the Wo-Tan-Ye Club in Laurens. Special hobbies of Oneta's included doing crocheting and needlepoint and throughout her lifetime she enjoyed entertaining her family and friends and traveling.

Oneta wanted to share, "I have always loved my family very much. Each and everyone has always been very special to me. My happiness was truly fulfilled when Fred and I were married. Family and friends are so important in our lives along with our faith and trust in God."

Oneta's life is loved and cherished by her family which include her very special sister, Shirley Smith, of Sanborn, Iowa, her nephews and nieces: Bradley (Joy) Smith of Storm Lake, Iowa and Jeffrey (Karen) Smith of Zionsville, Indiana, Ann Vice and Paula Horton of Florida, Donald (Karen) Forsythe of Overland Park, Kansas, Lois Balodis of Scottsdale, Arizona, Eleanor (Fran) O'Brien of Sun City West, Arizona, and Elwood (Gail) Forsythe of Scottsdale, Arizona, her great nephews: Matthew (Yvonne) Smith of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Michael Smith of Marion, Ohio, Sean (Jaclyn) Smith of Rock Valley, Iowa, and Joshua Smith of Franklin, Tennessee, , her great niece: Trisha (Tim) Huset of Verona, Wisconsin, her great great nieces and nephews: Emma Smith, Kinsey (Chris) Houlahan, Aly McDonald, Jacob McDonald, Carson, Adelyn and Caden Smith, Tanner and Brayden Huset, Averey and Emerson Smith, her great great great nephews and niece: Seth, Lucas and Callie Houlahan, other extended family and many life-long friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Fred on February 6, 2014, her brother and sister-in-law: Commander Donald (Effie) Horsman, USN, her brother-in-law: James Smith and her nephew: Todd Smith her niece: Linda Horsman.

In Loving Memory



Oneta L. Forsythe

1919 — 2019



And Those Who Love Me.....

When I am gone, release me, let me go.

I have so many things to see and do.

Your mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
Be happy we had so many years together.

I gave you my love, you can only guess,
How much you gave to me in happiness.

I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I traveled alone.

So grieve awhile for me if grieve you must;
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for a while that we must part,
So bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on,
So call if you need me I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me,
I'll be near and if you listen with your heart,
You'll hear all my love, soft and clear.

And when you must come by this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile, "Welcome Home."

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We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service.

— **The Family of Oneta L. Forsythe**

IN MEMORY OF

Oneta L. Forsythe

August 21, 1919 — January 13, 2019

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, January 19, 2019 — 2:00 p.m.

Powers Funeral Home

Laurens, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend Mark Waterstone

PIANIST

Joy Smith

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Because He Lives"

"I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"

CASKET BEARERS

Bradley Smith, Jeffrey Smith, Matthew Smith

Michael Smith, Sean Smith

Joshua Smith, Trisha Huset

INTERMENT

Laurens Cemetery

Laurens, Iowa

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