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Grace Maxine Whitehead, 95, of Centerville, passed away on July 15, 2017 at Centerville Specialty Care. Grace was born on December 28, 1921 in Iconium, Iowa to the late Harold and Sybil (Main) Argo. After graduating Moravia High School, Grace attended Simpson College where she received her associate's degree and was able to teach school for a couple of years before focusing on her home and family full time. On July 4, 1943, she was united in marriage to Clarence Whitehead in Iconium. Grace was a long time, active member of Grace United Methodist Church in Moravia, Iowa. She was an organist and pianist at the church for over 40 years. She was also an active member of the United Methodist Women and served as a District Officer. She was an active member in the St. Joseph Hospital/Mercy Medical Center Auxiliary and held many offices in the organization. She was a recipient of the Shining Star Award presented by the Iowa Hospital Association for outstanding volunteerism. Grace was an avid gardener and also known for her wonderful candy-making abilities. Grace is survived by her daughter, Sandy (Don) Free of Topeka, Kansas; son, Bob Whitehead of Columbus, Ohio; granddaughters: Kristin (Aaron) Downing and Jennifer (Jason) Erkie; great grandchildren: Zane and Taylor Downing and Jordan and Jaxson Erkie, as well as several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Clarence; daughter, Jane Ann and her sisters: Eloise Casteel and Virginia DeWitt. Per Grace's request, cremation has been accorded and there will be no services. A private family inurnment will be held at a later date in the Iconium Cemetery. Memorials in her name can be made to the Grace United Methodist Church in Moravia, Iowa and online condolences may be shared at www.thomasfh.com To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Grace Whitehead please visit our Sympathy Store. Cemetery Details Iconium Cemetery Iconium, IA



Tribute Wall

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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 11:49 AM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 12:22 PM



Bob Whitehead posted:

Thank you so much for your kind words.

August 6 at 7:00 PM



Bob Whitehead posted:

Thank you!

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Kay Singley posted:

My sympathy to Grace's family in your loss. May God comfort you in a very special way. I enjoyed working with Grace in the Kids' Club at the Grace United Methodist Church many years ago. I directed the children's chorus and Grace accompanied on the piano. I have fond memories of those days. Then, it was a pleasure to have Grace in my Sunday Church Services at Homestead for two years. She was so faithful in attendance! I often told her that I wished she was playing the piano instead of me for those services! May God bless you with wonderful memories of Grace to hold in your hearts forever. - Pastor Kay Singley

July 21 at 7:00 PM



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JH

Janet O'hair posted:

Grace was a great lady. I always enjoyed my visits thru the years about her memories of my grandparents, Robert and Jennie Jennings and other residents of the Iconium community. Grace played the organ for the funerals of both my grandparents and my parents, Harry and Zelma Jennings. Janet Jennings O'Hair

July 17 at 7:00 PM

DH

Denise Hawk posted:

Grace was a wonderful woman. I visited with her often when I worked at the bank in Moravia. She shared her famous dessert recipes with me and would pick up the chocolate disks for the candy for me when she went that way. I will always think very fondly of Grace. I am so sorry for your family's loss. - Denise Hawk

July 16 at 7:00 PM

BW

Bob Whitehead posted:

Thank you so much for your kind words!

July 16 at 7:00 PM

TA

Tricia Adam posted:

Bob and Sandy, I am so sorry for your loss. From the stories I have heard, your mom sounded like such a talented and determined lady. It doesn't seem that long ago that Bob told me she was outside hauling mulch and planting flowers. I admire her tenacity and ability to stay independent for so long. May we all be so lucky. My thoughts and condolences are with you and the family.

July 16 at 7:00 PM

BW

Bob Whitehead posted:

Thank you

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JJ

Jennifer & Christina Jackson posted:

Bob and family, Chris and I send our deepest condolences to you and your entire family. May your mother rest in peace. Jennifer and Christina Jackson

July 16 at 7:00 PM

BW

Bob Whitehead posted:

Thank you both!

July 16 at 7:00 PM

JA

Jane posted:

Bob, so sorry to hear about your mom. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

July 16 at 7:00 PM

BW

Bob Whitehead posted:

Thank you!

July 16 at 7:00 PM

BW

Bob Whitehead posted:

Thank you so much! Bob

July 15 at 7:00 PM

DW

Daniel Whitehead posted:

Bob, Sandy and family - Thinking of you all. So many great memories of Aunt Grace. The holidays always make me reflect on eating too much of her delicious candy and ping pong in the basement. Love, Daniel Whitehead and family Plano, Texas

July 14 at 7:00 PM



Media

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