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Vivian (Ilene) Sleeth, of Udell passed away Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at Care Initiatives in Centerville, Iowa. Ilene was born to Bernard and Cora Ada Swarts on August 2, 1926 in Exline, Iowa. She graduated from Moulton High School in 1944. Ilene was united in marriage to Richard Sleeth on August 17, 1947 at Moulton Christian Church. To this union were two children, Sheila and Rhonda. Ilene taught school for 40 years beginning in a one room school house and retiring from Moulton-Udell High School. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, sewing and was known for her prize winning parade floats. In her retirement years she quilted wool comforters for her two children and six grandchildren. Ilene always believed that if you want something in life you need to work hard for it. Anyone that knew Ilene would know what a hard working woman she was. Survivors include daughters; Sheila Selix (Kenneth) of Unionville, Iowa and Rhonda Harris of Mitchellville, Iowa, six grandchildren; Jacqueline Selix (Chris) of Waukee, Jennifer VanWynngarden (Jamie) of Des Moines, Jillian Kaster (Brydon) of Moulton, Jonathan Selix (Jennifer), of Ottumwa, Michelle Harris (Chris) of Altoona and Kendra Harris (Dylan) of Mitchellville, Iowa, seven great grandchildren; Porter Kaster, Delaney Kaster, Thayne Kaster of Moulton, Iowa, Kaelynn Heathcoat Harris, Kinnick McDowell of Altoona, Iowa, Tayton Richardson and Trenton Richardson of Mitchellville, Iowa, sister Carolene Purvis (Dave) of Nunn, Colorado, brothers; Boyd Swarts (Martha) of Webb, Alabama, Deloyd Swarts (Pat) of Columbus Junction, Iowa, Cleroyd Swarts (Kay) of Newton, Iowa, Leroyd Swarts (Sheila) of Monroe, Iowa, Floyd Swarts (Connie) of Moulton, Cloyd Swarts (Colleen) of Newton, Iowa. Ilene was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Richard, two sisters; Arlene DeCook, Colene Selvy. Services for Ilene will be held Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 1:30 PM at Thomas Funeral Home in Centerville with Kay Singley officiating. Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Thomas Funeral Home. Interment will be at Mt. Ararat



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Cemetery in Centerville. Memorials may be given to Hospice of Central Iowa or Mt. Ararat Cemetery. Condolences may be shared at www.thomasfh.com. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Ilene Sleeth please visit our Sympathy Store. Cemetery Details Mt. Ararat Hwy 2 East & 272nd Ave.

Centerville, IA 52544 Visitation DEC 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CST) Thomas Funeral Home-Centerville 501 North 18th StreetCenterville, IA

52544<http://www.thomasfh.com> Funeral Service DEC 7. 1:30 PM (CST) Thomas Funeral Home-Centerville 501 North 18th StreetCenterville, IA

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LF

Lydia Fine posted:

Mrs. Sleeth was my sixth grade teacher, in her last year of teaching, 1992. She was so patient and caring with us even though I'm sad to say we were a class of heathens. I remember her fondly.)

December 15 at 7:00 PM

DD

Dianna Davis posted:

So sorry for your loss. Ilene was my mentor during my first years at Moulton Udell. I will remember her as the very dedicated teacher she was. Dianna Davis

December 5 at 7:00 PM

JB

Jay Ballanger posted:

I was in Mrs. Sleeth's class in 1976 and remember vividly the many Bicentennial projects she has planned for us. It was a very inspirational year and Mrs. Sleeth inspired me to be an art teacher. I will remember her fondly and I send her family my sincere condolences and prayers for peace and comfort. Jay Ballanger

December 5 at 7:00 PM

ST

Sara Tait posted:

Ilene was my first teacher for two years at Orange county school. Richard was in the military service at the time. For many years I enjoyed visiting and laughing with her while I waited on her at the bank in Centerville. Please accept my sincere condolences. May God comfort you during this difficult time. Sara Stevenson Tait

December 4 at 7:00 PM

SL

Sharon Lowenberg posted:

My mom considered Mrs. Sleeth a close friend when she was a teacher's aide--and respected her greatly as a teacher! All the fabulous Jamboree floats she came up with year after year (with the help of your dad) gave us all such pride in our school and community. She touched many lives in her many years of teaching--quite a legacy! Our sympathy in your loss. Sharon Lowenberg

December 1 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ilene by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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