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**P**hyllis Abel, 80, passed away Dec. 15, 2011, at the Mercy West Lakes Hospital in West Des Moines, Iowa, following a brief battle with lung cancer.

She was born June 28, 1931, in Warsaw in Wayne County, Iowa, to Merle and Barbara (Beary) Crawford. She attended various country schools in Wayne County before graduating from Corydon High School in 1949.

She married Dale Abel on Sept. 12, 1948 and to this union five children were born Cheryl Dianne, Craig Allen, Peggy Carol, Michael Dale and Karen Lynn. Over the years she worked at the Kingery Boarding Home in Humeston, as a 4-H aide at the Wayne County Extension Office, an aide at the Corydon Nursing Home.

In 1976 began employment at the Wayne County Hospital as an aide and retired as an insurance/Medicare clerk in 1999. As well as raising her family and working full time, she managed to volunteer in several organizations including leader of the Richman Rustlers Girl's 4-H Club, an advisor for SHIPP, delivered meals on wheels, was an advisor for Medicare BAC and was an advocate for the Wayne County Coalition against domestic violence.

She had three loves, her children and their families, and her beloved animals with most recently being her dogs Maggie, Ginger Spot and Jackson and her flowers, especially her roses and clematis. She also enjoyed flying with Benny Davis, genealogy serving as the family historian, connecting with family and friends on Facebook and reading.

Politics and medicine were also a passion. Those left to cherish her memory are children, Cheryl Thompson and husband Jim of Allerton, Craig Abel and Pat Wilkinson of DuBois, Wyo., Peggy Keller and Joe Wright of Milo, Mike Abel and Betty Moore of Corydon and Karen Trumper and Dave Nieland of Indianola; grandchildren, Chance Abel and wife Erin and their children, Coy and Tag and Trent Abel and Erin, all of Jackson, Wyo., Justin Keller and wife Heidi and their daughters Morgan and Madison, Cody Keller and wife Tessa and their daughters Kolbi and Kaitlyn, all of



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Seymour, Jade Keller of Scottsdale, Ariz. and Trey Abel and Toby Abel of Iowa City and Meg Trumper of Indianola; brother, Don Crawford and sister-in-law Mary Louise of LaMirada, Calif.; sister, Judy Kaufman of Allerton and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Her parents; husband, Dale, who passed away Oct. 3, 1980, granddaughter, Katy Layne Abel, brothers, Robert Crawford and Clell Crawford and sister-in-law, Mary Lou, all of California preceded her in death. As another great lady said before me, 'My life has spoken for itself. For those who have known me, some good I hope! and some bad. For any others, it just doesn't matter.'

A memorial as been established to the family to be decided at a later date. Book Travel to Services To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Phyllis Carol Abel Obituary please visit our Sympathy Store.



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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 3:05 PM



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



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**Christine Smith - Madrid, Ia - Freind** posted:

Phyllis was my best freind since I was 18 years old.Our kids played together .She was a dear lady,we will miss her deaply.

December 18 at 7:00 PM



**Kathi Moore - Madrid, Ia** posted:

I remember as a little girl going to her house and playing with her kids .Plus baking cookies and all we ever did was eat.Phyllis and mom drinking coffee and talk talk talk,she was my moms best freind.

December 18 at 7:00 PM



**Amy Runyon - Denver, Co** posted:

Phyllis was a wonderful neighbor and a dear woman. I have fond memories of talking with her and playing with her dog, Mallory, who would often visit our house. Our thoughts go out to her family. - Amy Runyon-Harms & Jason Harms

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**Denise Crawford Rieter - Seymour, Ia - Niece** posted:

She is one of my favorite persons and aunt. She opened her heart and home to my sister and I to visit from California during our summer vacations. I always enjoyed my summers here with the Abel's and that is why I decided to may Iowa my home. She always had a kind word and made any criticism was always delivered with love. I will miss her more than even I believe! See you soon Phyllis. Love always Denise

December 17 at 7:00 PM

EC

**Eileen Convery - Aurora, Co - Cousin** posted:

It has been such a pleasure connecting with Phyllis through Facebook. I enjoyed our correspondence and she always sent me so much information about the family. My Dad, Jim Harbert, always called her his favorite cousin. She added so much depth to my knowledge of the Hamlin, Beary and Harbert families. Although I never met Phyllis in person, I remember well her mother, Barbara, who would visit my grandmother, Zora Beary Harbert, in Last Chance, Colorado. I also remember her grandfather and my great grandfather, Ace Beary. My sympathy to all of you for the loss of your mother and grandmother. I could tell that she was a very special person.

December 17 at 7:00 PM

JP

**Joe Snyder - Pella, Ia** posted:

at peace with God

December 16 at 7:00 PM



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