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Betty Lucille Ambelang was born November 28, 1922 at home in Lucas County. She was the youngest child born to Frank F. Ambelang and Mary Sofa Nelson Ambelang.

Betty passed away at her home in Corydon on August 18, 2011.

Betty attended country school in Lucas County. As was the custom at the time, Betty lived and worked for a family in Chariton to earn her board while attending high school. She graduated from Chariton High School in 1941.

On March 15, 1942 Betty and her sweetheart, Jimmy Cox, eloped. They were united in marriage at the Christian Parsonage in Princeton, Missouri. To this union five children were born: Larry, Janet, Steven, Bobby and Richard.

Following their marriage, Jimmy and Betty lived and worked in Des Moines. Jimmy joined the U. S. Army in February of 1943 and did his basic training in Camp Beale, California. Following Larry's birth in March, Betty joined Jimmy in California. They lived in Marysville and Hameton until Jimmy was sent overseas.

Betty returned to Iowa to live with her parents and await Jimmy's return. Janet was born during this time. Upon returning from the service, Betty and Jimmy lived in Millerton where Jimmy drove a truck for a living. While living in Millerton, Betty gave birth to their third child, Steven.

In 1949 they moved to the Miles farm near Corydon where Bobby and Richard were born making the family complete. The family stayed on the Miles farm until 1964 when they moved to Promise City.

Betty was a homemaker until the late 1950's when she took a job cooking at the South Side Cafe in Corydon. In 1959 Betty accepted a position as a cook at the Wayne County Hospital. After several



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years working in the kitchen, Betty transferred to the laundry area. She worked 29 years at the hospital retiring in 1988.

During the children's school years, Betty enjoyed her sons' sporting events and teaching Janet home-making skills. In 1972 Betty and Jimmy bought their home in Corydon where they spent many happy years together.

Betty enjoyed her part-time retirement job helping Jimmy mow several cemeteries in Jackson and Howard townships. They took great pride in making sure the grass was trimmed around the headstones and that the cemeteries looked especially nice for Memorial Day.

Betty helped Jimmy with the American Legion Bingo for several years. In addition, they volunteered at the Knoxville Veterans Administration. They enjoyed their monthly breakfast meetings with members of the Legion.

A highlight each year was their annual trip to Jimmy's 273rd Army Reunion with their friends, the Hoffmans - one of Jimmy's army buddies. One of Betty's cherished memories was a trip to the Netherlands in 1979. They visited their son Steven and his family who was stationed at Camp New Amsterdam.

While there they visited Germany, Luxembourg, Belgium and France. While Jimmy enjoyed revisiting places he'd been during the war, Betty was happiest spending time with family. After her retirement, Betty joined the Quilt Guild and renewed her interest in quilting. She made 42 hand-pieced quilts for family and friends.

Preceding Betty in death was her husband of 65 years, Jimmy; her sons Bobby Lynn Cox in 1991 and Steven James Cox in 1995; her parents; her brothers Raymond and Nelson Ambelang; and her sisters Clarice Taylor, Martha Smith and Merle Agan.

Betty is survived by her son Larry Cox and wife Linda of Ankeny; her daughter Janet Partridge and husband Philip of Allerton, and her son Richard Cox and wife Linda of Corydon. Also surviving are daughters-in-law Candi Cox of Mobile, AL and Connie Cox of Corydon.

Grandchildren and great-grandchildren surviving are Lori Quinlin and husband Pat of Ankeny; Kim Rudisil and husband Dan and their son Dennis of Ankeny; Kris Cox of Coralville; and Keri



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DiVincenzo and husband Russ and their children Charlie and Emma of Aurora, IL (Larry's children); James Partridge of Russell; Joseph Partridge and wife Tonja and their children Tori and Levi of Corydon; and Steven Partridge and wife Kelli and their son Trent of Marion (Janet's children); Jamiey Oden and husband Russell of Huntsville, AL and Sarah Gurley and husband Scott and their son Nicolas of Decatur, AL (Steven's children); Justin Cox and wife Carissa and their son Caden of Allerton; and Christopher Cox and wife Rachel of Jefferson City, MO (Bobby's children).

Three step-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren also survive (Richard's family). Betty is also survived by her brother Lester Ambelang and his wife Colleen of Chariton, as well as many nieces and nephews.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of BETTY L. please visit our Sympathy Store.

Visitation AUG 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CDT) Randolph Funeral Home 204 North Greeley StreetCorydon, IA 50060

Funeral Service AUG 22. 2:00 PM (CDT) Randolph Funeral Home 204 North Greeley StreetCorydon, IA 50060



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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 3:18 PM



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October 13 at 3:30 PM



Ann Mcclmonds Williams - New Virginia, Ia - Friend posted:

Those we hold most dear never truly leave us. They live on in the love they shared, the comfort they gave and the joy they brought into our lives. Remembering the times you have all shared will keep her in your hearts. Thinking of you.

September 1 at 7:00 PM



Jamiey & Russell Oden - Huntsville, Al - Granddaughter posted:

Oma Cox, We love you and miss you but know that you are in a happier place with loved ones. We will miss the times that had been spent with one another and you were the best oma that I could have ever asked for and feel sadness that you are gone, but happiness knowing whom you are with now. Jamiey Oden Grandma Betty, I am so honored to have been apart of your life and your family. The time that I did spend with you and grandpa Jimmy was so amazing. You both were caring and lifted everyones spirits to new heights. I know that you are now with loved ones and we all will miss you so much, and just wish that we could have had more time to spend with you. Russell Oden

August 21 at 7:00 PM



Chris And Belinda Reed - Arab, Al - Jamiey's Mother & Father In Law posted:

Chris and I are deeply sorry for your family's loss. We have heard so many wonderful memories from Jamiey and Russ. We will be praying for comfort during this sad time in your life. May God bless you. Belinda and Chris Reed

August 21 at 7:00 PM



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Loren And Evelyn Langford - Iowa Falls, Ia - High School Friend And Classmate posted:

Larry, Linda and family, Janet, Phil and family Our prayers and sympathies go out to all of you as you mourn the loss of a mother, grandmother and dear friend. I never knew Betty personally, but I have the privilege of knowing two of her wonderful children, Larry and Janet. Loren Langford

August 20 at 7:00 PM



Carolyn & Al Ruhde - Shenandoah, Ia - Sister-In-Law Of Janet's posted:

Janet & Philip and family - We were sorry to learn of your mother's death. It is hard to lose your mom! What a nice picture of her on this site. So glad you had such a nice day with her on Sunday. Love,
Carolyn & Al

August 18 at 7:00 PM



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