



Mrs. Mary Phillips

March 8, 1918 - September 6, 2017

Mrs. Mary Phillips, 99, of Spirit Lake passed away on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at the Hawkeye Care Center in Spirit Lake.

Funeral services for Mary will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2017 at the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church. There will be a visitation one hour prior to the service at the church on Monday. Burial will be in the Lake View Cemetery in Spirit Lake.

Mary (Lambert) Phillips was born the fourth of eight children to J. S. Roy and Josephine (Berg) Lambert on March 8, 1918 on a rural farm east of Spirit Lake she attended the rural school just north of their farm for several years until they moved closer to Orleans. There she graduated the 8th grade from the Orleans Independent School on June 17, 1931. After graduating she was at home with her young brothers and sister to help take care of them and helping her mother with household chores. She did cooking and cleaning for several ladies in town.

It was through her two older brothers that she met and dated Chester Phillips they were later married on April 20, 1938 at St Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake. To this union there were two children born Jim and Betty. They lived west of Spirit Lake on a farm until 1943 they then moved to a farm east of Spirit Lake that Mary's grandfather had homesteaded years before. Then in

1947 Chet and Mary purchased the home farm. Mary loved to cook and sew she made almost all of her clothes for years. She also loved to crochet and do needle point. She was a member of the United Methodist Church, she was a member of the church circles helped out as much as she could. Was a member of the local Friendship Club and served as vice president for several years and also on the calling committee for them. She loved gardening and canned many jars of vegetables and fruits until it became too hard for her to stand. Mary loved finding new recipes and trying new desserts out on the family. Her favorite thing was to help take care of her grandchildren. Chet and Mary moved into town in 1983, lived there until they both entered Hilltop Care Center June of 2009.

Those allowed to enjoy Mary's memories, her daughter Betty Wernimont of Spirit Lake, four grandchildren Robin (Phillips) Elser her husband Greg Spirit Lake, Mel Wernimont (wife) Sonya of Sprit Lake, Scott Wernimont (wife) Jessica of Cottonwood MN, Amy (Wernimont) Dodson (husband) J of Nevada, IA. Eleven great grandchildren Jacob, Coral, Rachel Elser Spirit Lake, Cody and Mindy Wernimont Spirit Lake, Dalten, Shelten, Payten Wernimont Cottonwood, MN and Joseph, Gracie, and Lucy Dodson Nevada IA and many nieces and nephews.

Proceeded in death by her parents, husband Chester, son James Phillips, son-in-law Mendal Wernimont, brothers Elmer (wife) Julia Lambert, Lawrence (wife) Louise Lambert, Wiley (wife) Molly Lambert, James (wife) Alice Lambert, Joseph (wife) Inez Lambert, sisters Eloise Lambert, Dorothy (husband) Steve Ukasick, nieces Denna Lambert, Martha (Lambert) Rolfes, Patricia (Lambert) Bartlett.

Cemetery Details

Lake View Cemetery

2684 18th Street
Spirit Lake, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church
1812 Gary Ave
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Service

SEP 11. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Mary Phillips*



Robinson Funeral Home - September 08, 2017 at 03:52 PM

CL

“ *Dear Phillips family, Our sympathy to you. I knew Mary and she was a great woman. Our prayers are with you.*
Love, Stan & Colleen Lemkuil

Colleen and Stan Lemkuil - September 20, 2017 at 04:32 PM

TW

“ *Tim And Kristie Wintz sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Phillips*



Tim and Kristie Wintz - September 13, 2017 at 10:50 AM

BM

“ *Barbara May lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Phillips*



Barbara May - September 12, 2017 at 02:41 PM

BM

What a great lady! My heart goes out to you Betty and the family. I was so honored to get to know Mary and Chet, neighbors and good friends of my parents, while visiting my Mom at Hilltop. Kind and loving people, great memories, together again!

Barbara May - September 12, 2017 at 02:49 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Phillips.*



September 10, 2017 at 05:03 PM

DK

“ *Betty and Family,
We just saw this on the web and want to say we are sorry for your loss. We are out of town and will not make it back in time for the service. Our condolences to you all.
Dale and Mary Kimball*

Dale Kimball - September 10, 2017 at 03:34 PM

GE

“ George EPhillips purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Mary Phillips.



George EPhillips - September 10, 2017 at 01:28 AM

CH

“ Cheryl lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Phillips



Cheryl - September 09, 2017 at 09:06 AM

CB

“ I first met Chet and Mary through Chet's brother Lyle and wife Phoebe. Such a fun couple to be with, later visiting them at Hilltop. Mary was very kind and gentle. Our sincere sympathy to her family.
Doris Camp, Rodney and Coreen Boernsen

Coreen Boernsen - September 08, 2017 at 10:19 PM

WT

“ Workiva IT Team purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mrs. Mary Phillips.



Workiva IT Team - September 08, 2017 at 02:19 PM

DW

“ *She was a beautiful person-both inside and out.. I thought of her often. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers!*

Debra Walker - September 08, 2017 at 12:24 PM

NR

“ *Nancy Lago Reiman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Phillips*



Nancy Lago Reiman - September 08, 2017 at 11:14 AM

NR

Betty and Family: Thoughts and prayers to you during this difficult time.

Nancy Lago Reiman - September 08, 2017 at 11:16 AM

JE

“ *John And Maxine Elser lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Phillips*



John and Maxine Elser - September 07, 2017 at 10:11 PM

JC

“ *Jeff And Linda Christoffer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mary Phillips*



Jeff and Linda Christoffer - September 07, 2017 at 09:20 PM

DB

“ *My sympathy to your family.*

Dayle Brooks



Dayle Brooks - September 07, 2017 at 09:11 PM

SS

“ *Steve & MaryJean Stensrud lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Phillips*



Steve & MaryJean Stensrud - September 07, 2017 at 09:08 PM

AW

“ *Angie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Phillips*



Angie Williams - September 07, 2017 at 07:13 PM

PH

“ *Pam Hurdle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Phillips*



Pam Hurdle - September 07, 2017 at 04:45 PM

BE

“ *Bob & Kathy Ellers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Phillips*



Bob & Kathy Ellers - September 07, 2017 at 01:37 PM

PR

“ *I am so sorry to read this. I loved seeing Mary when I visited my mom at Hilltop. She was a beautiful woman inside and outside. Always cheered one up. A classy lady gone on to her heavenly home. Hugs to all.*



Peggy Rick - September 07, 2017 at 12:18 PM

AM

“ *Alan And Reba Munson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Phillips*



Alan and Reba Munson - September 07, 2017 at 08:10 AM

LH

“ *Dear Betty and family-I saw Mary on Sunday and was so glad to visit with her. She was such a friendly person and I will miss visiting with her about you all, whom she loved. Peace to you.*



Laura Hanna - September 07, 2017 at 08:00 AM