

Sarah Ellen Rees, the daughter of Ralph Jasper Lorance and Orpha Rosalie Cole Lorance, was born at Hartford, Iowa, on August 30, 1936 and passed away at Shenandoah, Iowa on Monday, May 3, 2004. Sarah spent her early life from 1936-1949 in Lamoni, Iowa, moving with her parents to Shenandoah in 1949. Sarah graduated from Shenandoah High School in 1954 later attending Northwest Missouri State University. After college she taught in Sidney, Iowa, from 1956-1958, then moved to Independence, Missouri where she taught a year. In 1959 she began teaching at the Shenandoah Community Schools where her career spanned 34 years from 1959-1993, when she retired. On May 3, 1975 she was united in marriage to Merlyn A. Rees in Shenandoah, Iowa, and to this marriage a daughter, Rebecca Lynn Rees, was born. Sarah was a life time member of the Community of Christ Church (formerly Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints). She was a former member of the Athenaeum Club, a volunteer for the Greater Shenandoah Historical Society, and a 36 year member of the Iowa State Education Association. Sarah enjoyed crossword puzzles, attending church, and visiting with friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents and a brother Raymond R. Lorance. Survivors include her husband Merlyn Rees; daughter, Rebecca Rees of Shenandoah, Iowa; Rebecca's fiancé, Brian Fausett of San Diego, California; a sister, Esther Griffin of Independence, Missouri and a brother, David Lorance and wife Kathleen of San Antonio, Texas; other relatives and many friends.

*Services entrusted to  
Hackett-Livingston Funeral Home  
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