

Maxine Nicholls

Zelma Maxine Nicholls, daughter of Harve E. and Alma (Findley) Fuston, was born on January 24, 1919, in Martinsville, Missouri. She spent her early life in New Hampton, Missouri, and graduated from the New Hampton High School in 1937. She attended Kelly Beauty School in St. Joseph, Missouri in 1938. She was a beauty operator in Albany and Bethany Missouri. On April 6, 1940, Maxine was united in marriage to Leland Ross Nicholls in Bethany, Missouri, and they made their home in Shenandoah. Maxine was a beauty operator at Borland's Beauty Shop in the early years of their marriage. She was a registered beautician in Iowa, Missouri and Colorado. She later was a clerk for the Railway Express Agency in Shenandoah. Maxine was a member of the Nishna Valley Saddle Club. and enjoyed showing horses. In 1982 she was inducted into the Iowa Horseman Association's Hall of Fame. She was a two time winner of the Pleasure Class at the American Royal Horse Show in Kansas City, Missouri.

Maxine was preceded in death by her parents and a brother Homer Fuston. She is survived by her husband Leland, two children, Leland Leon Nicholls and wife Mary Jean of Menomonie, Wisconsin, and Lynda Lee Stephens and husband Bill of Shenandoah, five grandchildren, Ludlo Stephens, Lindsey Stephens, Mike Nicholls, Marc Nicholls, and Mindy O'Donnell and five great-grandchildren, Sara Nicholls, Emily Nicholls, Elizabeth Nicholls, Ryan O'Donnell and Jamie O'Donnell. Maxine is also survived by other relatives and many friends.