

Beth Keep

Marilyn Beth Keep, age 77, entered into eternal peace on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at her home in Shenandoah. She was born October 8, 1934 in rural Blanchard, the daughter of David and Lola (Hullman) Finlay.

Beth graduated from Coin High School in 1953. She also attended one year of college at Clarinda Junior College. Beth was united in marriage to Orville Dean Keep on August 26, 1954 at her parent's farm house in rural Coin. Following their marriage they moved to Shenandoah.

Beth worked for Central Surveys from 1954 to 1957, Earl May Seed & Nursery Co. from 1958 to 1971, Henry Fields Seed & Nursery Co. from 1972-1978 and retired from Imperial Inc. in 1998. Beth held secretarial/clerical positions at each of these companies.

Beth was a member of Shenandoah Hospital Auxiliary and Summit United Methodist Church where she was a historian, communion steward, and Sunday school teacher. She enjoyed sports, loved to listen to and watch games, gardening, hiking and watching wildlife. She was also of great help to Orville out on the farm. Her grandchildren were the apple of her eye. Planning and organizing family get-togethers, brought her much joy.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband of 57 years, Orville Dean Keep of Shenandoah; children Diane Sue Ryan and husband Sean of Omaha, Scott Lee Keep and wife Mary Ann of Omaha, Brent Wade Keep and wife Janel of Lee Summit; grandchildren Seth David Keep and Paige Sydney Keep; other relatives and many friends.