

### Obituary

Vivian Kathaleen (Bennett) Erickson, daughter of Ira and Mable (Sanderson) Bennett, was born on June 14, 1918, in Anderson, Iowa. She passed away on Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at the Shenandoah Medical Center at the age of 86.

Vivian received her early education attending rural country schools in Fremont County, Iowa through the eighth grade. She graduated from Farragut High School with the Class of 1934. She later attended Tarkio College in Tarkio, Missouri for two years to become a teacher. Vivian taught grades one through eight at Prairie Glen School in rural Fremont County for seven years.

On January 29, 1943, Vivian was united in marriage to Paul E. Erickson of Shenandoah. They resided in Shenandoah until 1953, when Paul left DeKalb to become a full-time farmer. Around this time, Vivian began working at Spurgeon's Mercantile Company in Shenandoah, where she worked for over 21 years. Vivian assisted Paul in the farming operation, especially during the years they operated a dairy farm. The dairy farm produced all the dairy needs for the Falk Sisters Ice Cream, among other customers. They resided on various farms in Page County, Iowa until they retired to Shenandoah in 1996, where Vivian resided the rest of her life.

Vivian was a member of the Madison Methodist Church. She later joined Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Shenandoah where she was active in Circle, E over 60, the Altar Guild, and making mission quilts. When she was no longer able to attend the group quilting, she continued to piece quilt tops for mission service. She enjoyed reading, crocheting, piecing quilts, working crossword and jigsaw puzzles, cooking and collecting recipes. She derived great pleasure in sharing her talents with family and friends, many of whom use and enjoy the results of her crochet hook. She was an excellent cook and loved to prepare "treats" for her grandchildren. She was very independent and sought never to "impose" upon others.

Preceding Vivian in death were her parents; sister, Mildred; and husband Paul in 2000. She is survived by her daughter, Darlene Isaacs and husband Jerry of Mexico, MO; son, Tom Erickson and wife Linda of Shenandoah, IA; four grandchildren, Jeff Isaacs and wife Jennifer of Jefferson City, MO, Craig Isaacs and wife Chrissie of Normal, IL, Keith Erickson of Antelope, CA; Rochelle Daugherty and husband Mike of Rock Port, MO; four great grandchildren, George Isaacs of Normal, IL, Joshua Isaacs of Jefferson City, MO, and Drake and Ashlynn Daugherty of Rock Port, MO. She enjoyed an especially close and loving bond with her nieces and nephews: Dale Spencer and wife Cynthia of Villisca, IA, Robert Spencer and wife Shirley of Stanton, IA, Janice Kiekel and husband Bob of Topeka, KS and Etta Swanson and husband Merrill of Essex, IA. She will be missed by many other relatives and friends.

Everyone is cordially invited back to Emmanuel following the committal service at the cemetery for fellowship and refreshments with family.

Services entrusted to:  
Hackett-Livingston Funeral Home