



Ellen Luetta (Phillis) Stambaugh was born October 11, 1933 in Villisca, Iowa, the daughter of James D. Phillis and Leona Marie (Burroughs) Phillis. She passed away suddenly Sunday morning, January 27, 2019 at her rural Villisca home, at the age of 85 years, 3 months and 16 days.

Ellen grew up in Villisca and graduated from Villisca High School in 1952. On October 28, 1956 she was united in marriage to Chester Glen Stambaugh in Coin, Iowa. This union was blessed with two children; Ernie and Chet.

Early on, Ellen worked as a waitress at Sierps Cafe in Villisca. When she moved to Shenandoah, she continued to waitress at various cafes including the American Legion Country Club in Shenandoah where she was a waitress for nearly ten years. She and Chester moved to the Goodner Farm east of Shenandoah in December of 1966 and when she left the American Legion in the summer of 1968 she became a homemaker and helped with the farming. It was at this time she and Chester became members of the Norwich United Methodist Church.

In 1978, Ellen and Chester moved to the Frank Kelly farm and farmed for Virginia Apaydin for two years. They then moved to rural Prescott, Iowa and farmed an additional two years. In March of 1982, Ellen and Chester moved to rural Taylor County, near Villisca, to farm. In the mid-eighties, Ellen once again started working in Villisca, this time as a CNA at the Good Samaritan Society Care Center. During her time there, she enjoyed working with the residents and making them smile and laugh with her funny antics and dances as she worked. She left the care center in the mid-nineties when Chester decided to retire from full time farming and moved the eight miles to their son Ernie's farm. Ellen enjoyed cooking for her family, taking care of the many cats and dogs that she had over the years, and the many fishing and sight-seeing trips she took with Chester in their retirement.

Ellen was preceded in death by her husband Chester; parents; brother, Herb Phillis; sister, Helen Marie Phillis; sisters-in-law, Glenda Phillis and Loretta Phillis; and brothers-in-law, William Howe, Robert Selby and Jerry Stambaugh.

Survivors include her two sons, Ernie Stambaugh of Villisca, and Chet Stambaugh and his wife Crystal of Shenandoah; grandchildren, Alex of Storm Lake, Iowa, Mackenzie Gaunt of Villisca, Allison Kinser of Shenandoah; two brothers, Richard Phillis and his wife Mary Del of Elk Horn, Nebraska, Cline Phillis and Joyce Anson of Brea, California; two sisters, Verda Selby of Washington and Carol Jane Howe of Elk Horn, Nebraska; along with many other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends



In Loving Memory

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Visitation

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Friday, February 1, 2019
Nishna Valley Funeral Home
Shenandoah, Iowa

Funeral Service

10:30 a.m.
Saturday, February 2, 2019
Nishna Valley Funeral Home
Shenandoah, Iowa
Pastor Rick Sleyster, Officiant

Casket Bearers

Russell Braymen Glen Braymen Walter Braymen
John Hampel Greg Hampel Jeff Miller

Musical Selections

"When I Get Where I'm Going"
"I Will Always Love You"

Registry Attendant

Shirley Braymen

Place of Rest

Rose Hill Cemetery
Shenandoah, Iowa

Memorials

Directed to the family

Following the committal service, lunch and fellowship with the family will be held in the Bricker Room at the Shenandoah Fire Department

The LORD is my *Shepherd*;
I shall not want.

He maketh me
lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters,

He restoreth my
soul;

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,

*I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;*

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over

Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house

of the LORD *forever*;
- Psalm 23



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