

## Obituary

Anna Lucille Sickler, daughter of Ed and Amanda Leona (Baucom) Hale, was born on March 17, 1931, near Imogene, Iowa. She passed away on Tuesday, December 2, 2003, at the Shenandoah Medical Center following a brief illness. One of 11 children, Lucille's early life was spent in the Imogene area. Her father worked for the Interstate Nurseries and the family lived on one of Interstate farms. Her mother raised chickens, beef and tended a large garden for their large family. Lucille received her education from the Farragut Community Schools. She was married to Leo Sickler at Sidney, Iowa. Following their marriage they resided in Omaha, Nebraska for three years before moving back to southwest Iowa. During this union six children were born. For the past 24 years, she has lived in Shenandoah with her companion Donald Gillham. For two years they lived in Leon, Iowa and Alpha, Illinois. Lucille devoted the majority of her life to raising and caring for her family. She had worked for Mount Arbor Nurseries and Lakes Nurseries for a short period of time. Lucille had been an active member of the Shenandoah Eagles Auxiliary for many years, holding the positions of Trustee and Inside-Outside Guard. She was also a member of the REAC Club in Red Oak and had served as their Vice-President and recently as President.

Preceding Lucille in death were her parents; husband, Leo Sickler; three sisters, Alice Berringer, Dora Loftes and Fern Wright; and three brothers, Glen, Mervin and Edward James Hale. Survivors include her six children, Anna Fulner of Shenandoah, Patty Barnhart of Essex, Ed Sickler of Pleasantville, Richard Sickler of Atchison, KS, Dwain Sickler of Shenandoah and Jim Sickler of Clarinda; sister, Mary Squires, brothers, Carl Hale and Alfred Hale all of Shenandoah and brother, Dick Hale of College Springs; 22 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; 30 nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

Mom will be remembered for her kindness and concern of others, her wonderful sense of humor, and the ability to make each day count. We will miss her very much. -Lucille's children

Grandma was one of the most amazing women I've ever met. She was my greatest inspiration to be a good mother and someday grandmother. I hope to be half the woman she was and I'll consider my life a success. -Lynn Stanley

*Following the services at the cemetery there will be a time of fellowship and refreshments with the family at the Shenandoah Eagles Club located on Thamas Ave.*