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MARGARET CHICOSKI CLAYTON

July 22, 1922 - May 24, 2024



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As Miles went from North Africa, Italy, and France, letters were written for three years. Margaret received a phone call from Miles. He was back at Camp Shanks. Miles said, 'I'd like to meet you. She was united in marriage to Miles Brownlie Clayton on September 12, 1947, in Haverstraw, N.Y.

After marriage, she became a member of St. Patrick's Church, Brooklyn, and in 2008 became a member of St. Mary's Church, Grinnell. Miles and Margaret farmed at Brooklyn, Madison Twp and when Miles passed away, Margaret continued that farm operation.

Both were proud of their farm's conservation measures. She loved nature and continued to promote native life on the farm.

For almost 30 years they wintered at Palm Shadows, Donna, Texas, enjoying many friends. She especially loved the pool and craft room.

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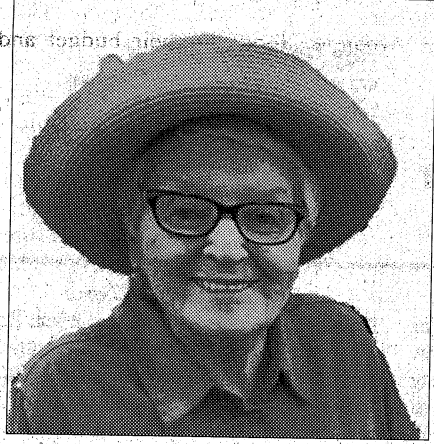
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Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, parents, brother John, sister Rita, and friend Gloria Brannian.

In lieu of flowers or other charitable gifts, the family requests that a memorial for an Iowa American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Scholarship be sent to Ruth Clayton-Davis, 4030-29th Ave. Rock Islands, IL 61201

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