

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## In Memory of Hazel Theovina (Forbes) Streit



"MOM STREIT" 01/31/1913 - 01/26/2015

Hazel was born on January 31, 1913 to George and Hannah Forbes in Palo Alto County, Iowa the sixth of thirteen children. She spent much of her early life help her mother, even postponing her schooling to care for her younger siblings. She graduated from Pocahontas High School in 1933 and in that same year on July 3, married the love of her life Loell R. Streit. As a young wife and mother Hazel and her family lived in Pocahontas. In 1942 they moved to Des Moines where Hazel worked in an ordinance plant making bullets for WW2 soldiers. Loell joined the Navy in 1943 and Hazel moved her family back to Pocahontas for the duration of the war. Upon his return the family relocated to St. Louis where Loell attended mortuary school. They returned to Iowa, eventually owning Streit Funeral Home in Rolfe, Iowa. Loell's untimely death in 1964 brought Hazel to her second career as a housemother, first in Lincoln, Nebraska and then in Ames. She found a home with the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity where she became known as "Mom Streit" to hundreds of young men over a span of níneteen years.



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