

# Remembrance

## Zola Beth (Barnett) Leonard, 94

Oct. 2, 1924 - July 18, 2019

**WOODBINE** – Zola Beth (Barnett) Leonard was born on October 2, 1924, to Ralph and Gertrude (Hampel) Barnett in rural Underwood. She was raised in Underwood and graduated from Underwood High School with the class of 1941. Zoe enrolled at Jennie Edmondson School of Nursing and also took extra classes at the University of Omaha. Zoe enlisted with the United States Army Cadet Nurse Corp, from July 1943 until September

1945. She served at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD. She graduated as a registered nurse in September of 1945. Zoe spent the next three years working at a doctor's office in Council Bluffs. On December 8, 1948, Zoe was united in marriage to Ivan "Ike" Leonard at her aunt and uncle's home in Council Bluffs. Three children were born to this union: John, Jane and Robert. Zoe also worked as an RN in the OB Ward at the Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, and the Community Memorial Hospital in Missouri Valley for over 35 years. In 1995, she started at the Rural Wel-Home Health in Logan. She retired from active nursing duties in 2010, at the age of 87.

Zoe was a member of the United Methodist Church in Logan and Woodbine. From 1948-2011 Zoe enjoyed living on Echo Acres Farm along Pumpkinvine Road near Highway 44 outside Logan. Zoe's guiding hand in raising three children, along with enjoying the scenic view of the timbers and pastures near the farm home, plus helping with farming duties such as milking and herding cows, and raising stock cattle occupied her time. She enjoyed family reunions and sponsoring American Field Service (AFS) picnics.

Zoe took part in many organizations including: The American Legion Auxiliary, volunteering for the American Red Cross, business women's sorority known as Beta Sigma Phi, the University of Women's Assoc, Eastern Star, Democratic Party activities (she was on a first name basis with Senator Tom Harkin) and Crime Stoppers. She enjoyed ballroom and square dancing, and she especially enjoyed travelling to visit family members throughout the United States, Canada, as well as overseas.

Zoe died on Thursday, July 18, 2019, at her home. She was 94 years of age.

Zoe was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ike Leonard on September 15, 2005; three brothers, Jack (Kathryn) Barnett, Bill (Alma) Barnett and Bruce (Virginia) Barnett.

Zoe is survived by her two sons, John Leonard and his wife Manon of Williamsburg, VA, and Bob Leonard and his wife Janet of Odebolt; one daughter, Jane and her husband Rodney Weis of College Station, TX; grandchildren, Trudi and her husband Rob Colby, Mike Weis and his wife Jennifer, Traci and her husband Matt Lacy, Dan Leonard and his wife Blair, Bryan Leonard and his wife Leah, and Margot Leonard; great-grandchildren, Miranda, Erika, Abigail, Ava, Allison, Max, Owen and Harlan; special American Field Service exchange student, Ed Kremer of Luxembourg; and many other relatives and friends.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 20, 2019 at the First United Methodist Church in Woodbine. Officiating was Pastor Stephanie Cramer. Musical Selections ~ Congregational Hymn "Are ye Able", "Cadet Nurse Hymn" played by Nancy Foutch, "Peace in the Valley" by Sue Benedickt and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" played by Nancy Foutch. Honorary Pallbearers were Lynn Dickinson, Jay Johnsen, Jackson Keane, Gene McGinn and Fred Pitt. Pallbearers were John Leonard, Bob Leonard, Rodney Weis, Dan Leonard, Bryan Leonard, Mike Weis, Rob Colby and Matt Lacy. Military Rites provided by Woodbine American Legion Post #143. Final Resting Place the Woodbine Cemetery.

Fouts Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



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