



Pauline Dorothy Kingery

June 6, 1926 - November 30, 2025

Pauline (Birkey) Kingery was born on June 9, 1926, in Manson, Iowa, to John E. & Lena Oyer Birkey. She was the 13th of 15 children. She met Delbert Kingery on a blind date, and they were united in marriage in 1961.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, 8 brothers and 5 sisters.

She is survived by her son, Michael Kingery (Nancy) of Peoria, Illinois and her two grandchildren, Amber Masters of Peoria, Illinois and Brett Kingery of Portland, Oregon.

Pauline graduated from Manson High School and eventually went on to get her Bachelor of Elementary Education from William Penn University. Her career spanned more than four decades. She began teaching in a one room schoolhouse in rural Iowa and eventually retired in 1988 from Knoxville Community School District in Knoxville, IA.

In her early years, Pauline enjoyed traveling and camping around the U.S., creating cross stitch projects, sewing, playing scrabble and any other board or card game. She had a passion to write poetry for any occasion that caught her

attention. Her sense of humor and joy of life resonated in her poems. Her greatest joy was spending time with her large extended family and grandchildren.

She was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Knoxville, Iowa and actively used her teaching skills in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. Throughout her entire life, Pauline held an unwavering faith in Jesus Christ, which showed through in her love and service to those around her.

Pauline passed away peacefully surrounded by her immediate family.

“Therefore, my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

my body also will rest secure”

Psalm 16:9

“Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.

Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken”

Psalm 62:5-6