



## Mable M. Messman

January 14, 1917 - February 21, 2012

Mable Margaret Clark Messman, 95, died on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012, at Hillcrest Garden Estates in Papillion, Neb. Mable, lately of Kearney and Omaha, Neb., was born on Jan. 14, 1917, at the family home near Lewellen, Neb., in Keith County, and was the eldest daughter of Wesley and Elizabeth Fairchild Clark. Mable and her siblings, Neva Beth Clark Richter of Kearney, Neb., and the late George Herman Clark and Mary Elizabeth Clark Beam, attended rural schools in Keith and Garden counties. Mable attended high school in Lewellen and Oshkosh, Neb., graduating from the latter in 1936. After she completed a year of college at what is now the University of Nebraska at Kearney in 1937-1938, Mable taught rural schools for four years in Keith and Garden counties, and continued to attend college during the summers, where she met her husband, Warren Brown Messman. They were married on May 20, 1942, in Mable's childhood church at Lewellen. Warren's higher education and work required that they live in a number of communities before they settled in Kearney. In each community where she lived, Mable was active as a volunteer in hospitals, care homes and church activities. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Kearney for more than 50 years, and served as a teacher in the Crusaders Sunday school class there. She belonged to Kearney's Good Samaritan Hospital Service League and the Kearney State College Faculty Wives Club, and was a founding member of the Fort Kearney Genealogical Society. Her special interests included Bible study, church work, cooking and sewing. Mable taught cake

decorating in the adult education program in Kearney for nearly 20 years, and shared the bounty of her flourishing garden with friends and neighbors. Her tenderness toward others drew new friends to her side throughout her life, and on her last day, Mable sat with and comforted a new resident of the nursing facility where she lived. Her family is grateful to those who showed Mable the care and kindness that she gave to others in her turn. In addition to her husband and younger sister, Neva Richter, Mable is survived by her loving daughters and sons in law, Lorene Marie (Sam) Bliss of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Marcia Fae (John) O'Donovan of Omaha, Neb.; four grandchildren, Kember (John) Kane of Silver Spring, Md., Freeman White III of Venice, Calif., Jessica (Jason) Scheopner of Omaha, Neb., and Betsy O'Donovan of Durham, N.C.; seven great grandchildren; her beloved sister in law, Faye Messman Van Boskirk of Omaha, Neb.; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A memorial service to celebrate her gentle life will be held at 4:30 p.m. on March 8, 2012 at West Hills Church, 3015 S. 82 Avenue, Omaha. A funeral service will be conducted at 10 a.m. on March 17, 2012 at First United Methodist Church in Kearney, 4500 Linden Drive, followed by burial at Kearney Public Cemetery, 4400 Avenue I. Although Mable loved flowers, she requested that any memorials in lieu of flowers be made to First United Methodist Church or the Messman Memorial Fund at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Arrangements are in care of Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney. A message of condolence, tribute or memory can be left at [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com).

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