

# *Shirley A. Crouse*

July 22, 2013

Shirley Ann Crouse, age 88, was born in Paullina, Iowa, to Harry and Maidie Crouse. She started out in a one-room country school and graduated from Iowa State Teachers College with a teaching degree.



She married Lester Hunt in 1946 and they moved to Nebraska. Three daughters were born there. In 1963 the family moved to Wisconsin. In Eau Claire Shirley worked for 13 years at Chippewa Valley Technical College. She married Tom Widule in 1981. After retirement Shirley volunteered with L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library, Literacy Volunteers-Chippewa Valley, and her church. Her favorite hobbies were gardening, reading, and bridge. She was a 50-year member of PEO Chapter AF.

Shirley was preceded in death by her daughter Cheri Kuehn, her son-in-law John Kuehn, her husband Tom Widule, and her brother Gale Crouse.

She is survived by two daughters: Jan (Chuck) Goethel and Nan (Bob) Schaefer; eight grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; special friend Norman McMahon; one sister and two brothers; and many wonderful long-time friends, especially Charlie and Lucy Bauer.

A celebration of Shirley's life will be held on August 1, 2013, at First Congregational Church in Eau Claire with visitation at 10:00 a.m. and memorial service at 11:00 a.m. Memorials may be given to Chippewa Valley Free Clinic, L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library, First Congregational Church, or St. Francis Food Pantry.

Chippewa Valley Cremation Services is serving the family. Visitation: 10-11 a.m. Thursday, August 1, 2013, at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Eau Claire. Service: 11 a.m. Thursday, August 1, 2013, at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Eau Claire.