



Bettie Oakes, 81 of Columbus Junction, Iowa, died Wednesday, May 30, 2007 at Mercy Hospital, Iowa City following a courageous battle with cancer.

Funeral services were Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at 10:00 am at the Stacy-Lewis Home for Funeral and Cremation Services in Columbus Junction, Iowa. Rev. Catherine Whitlatch officiated. Casketbearers were David Kauffman, Marvin Prior, Tom Clark, Jeff Wellington, Jason Hoyle, Wayne Barnes, Monte Kauffman and Chuck Plank. Memorials may be directed to the Columbus City United Methodist Church, the Allen Wright Hanft American Legion Post 100 and the Iowa City Hospice. Sympathy notes may be left to the Deaton family at www.lewisfuneralhomes.com.

Bettie June Moran was born March 12, 1926 in Louisa County, the daughter of Warnie and Ocie (McFarland) Moran. In January 1946 Bettie was united in marriage to Bill Oakes. They later divorced. Bettie was a member of the Columbus City United Methodist Church, the American Legion Auxiliary for 50 years and the N.E.A. She taught for and closed several one-room country schools and continued teaching with the L-M school system for 27 years. Bettie enjoyed flowers, watching birds, visiting with neighbors and friends, and she especially loved spending time with her family.

Bettie will be dearly missed by her daughter, Peggy Deaton of Columbus Junction; grandchildren, Will Deaton and his wife, Wendy of Grand Rapids, MI, Tara Deaton of Columbus Junction and her fiancé, Jason Hoyle of Wayland, Sara Deaton and her fiancé, Jeff Wellington of Columbus Junction and Amy Oakes of Kansas; 2 great-grandchildren, Maya Deaton and Dayton Oakes; 2 brothers, Lloyd Moran of Columbus Junction and Bill Moran and wife, Beth of Independence, MO; 3 sisters, Marguerite Malle of Pittsburg, KS, Janet Cowger and husband, Dean of Mediapolis, IA and Velma Hamilton and husband, Bob of Montezuma, IA.

Bettie was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter in infancy, Jane Ellen; a son, Joseph Paul Oakes; 2 sisters, Verna Maude Moran and Ruth Sanden; and a brother, Jackie Moran.