



Fern Doris Sprouse, 92, of Selma, Iowa passed away on January 16, 2021 at the Jefferson County Health Center in Fairfield, Iowa. She was born on May 18, 1928 in Davis County, Iowa to George Clifford and Mabel Ruth Parker Richardson. She grew up in the Selma area and graduated from Selma High School. Fern married Glenn W. Sprouse on August 2, 1945 in Ottumwa, Iowa. Glenn passed away on June 4, 2014.

Fern worked at Douds Stone for over 30 years where she was a scale house operator and bookkeeper. She also worked on the family farm and was a cake decorator, making many birthday and wedding cakes over the years. She liked to stay busy in the garden growing flowers and canning produce and enjoyed quilting and crocheting. She was a member of the Selma United Methodist Church for over 60 years and served as a Sunday school teacher, UMW President, lay leader, and was the chairman of the mission committee for many years. She will be greatly missed by her family.

She is survived by three sons, Ronald (Kathy) Sprouse of rural Selma, Iowa, Gary (Sheri) Sprouse of Bloomfield, Iowa, Duane (Pat) Sprouse of Keota, Iowa; seven grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Rex Richardson of Selma.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and two brothers, Wayne Richardson and Craig Richardson in infancy.

A private family funeral will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at the Pedrick Funeral Home in Keosauqua with Tim Sprouse officiating. Burial will be at the Bethlehem Cemetery near Floris, Iowa. The funeral will be live streamed on the Pedrick Funeral Home Facebook page.

A visitation without the presence of family will be from 12-5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at the Pedrick Funeral Home in Keosauqua. Due to Covid-19, the family will not be present. A celebration of life will be held at a later date so everyone can attend.

A memorial has been established to the Selma United Methodist Church Mission Committee.