Pocatello—Marion Clark Bowen, 85, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at a local care facility. Marion was born in Ririe, ID, September 10, 1929. She was raised in Ririe, ID, Los Angeles, CA, and Rigby, ID. Marion was the youngest of three children born to Jesse G. and Mildred F. Clark. Marion attended school and graduated from Ririe High School in 1947. She graduated from Idaho State University College of Pharmacy in May of 1952. While at ISU, she was a Charter Member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority, honorary member of Delta Epsilon Kappa, active member of the National Pharmacy Association, and a member of the Association of Pharmacy Students. ISU is where she met and married Ben H. Bowen, June 10, 1951. They had four children: Jennifer K. Bowen, Pocatello, ID; Jeannette Minou (Larry) Morrison, Downey, ID; Bengie J. (Brien) Hansen Libby, MT; and Frank B. (Janet) Bowen, Brenham, TX. They have 4 grandchildren: Ryan (Mindy) Ward, Pocatello, ID; Jessica (Brian) Lycan, Aurora, CO; Bracken and Tristan Bowen, Brenham, TX. They also have two great-grandsons: Carter and Kellen Ward, Pocatello, ID. Downey has been their home since they were married and, in 1992, Star Valley, Wyoming became their second and summer home. Prior to her 1986 appointment as Senior Compliance Office for the Idaho State Board of Pharmacy, Marion operated Bowen Pharmacy Service where she managed retail pharmacy shops when owners and managers were absent. She retired from the State Board of Pharmacy in 1996 and then worked part time for Northwest Pharmaceutical as a consultant. Marion was a devoted volunteer within her profession. She attended continuing education seminars and served on several boards at state and national levels. She served as president of the Idaho State Pharmacy Association and all other elective offices at least once. She served twice as president of the Bear Lake Pharmacy Group as well as secretary/treasurer. She was also involved with the Idaho Pharmaceutical Association and the Magic Valley Pharmacy Association. Marion’s service continued with her community endeavors including Board of Directors for the American Heart Association of Idaho and the Idaho State Federated Women’s Club. She served as a certified emergency medical technician with the Marsh Valley Hospital ambulance crew. Locally she wrote and directed road shows, directed plays, and presented dialogue for choir concerts and fashion shows. As the Community Speech Director, she taught classes in public speaking and organized speech festivals. She taught church classes, cultural refinement workshops, and literature groups. Other local activities included Red Cross Chairperson, Downey Civil Defense Chairperson, 4H Leader, and School Board District Consolidation Committee. For all of her hard work and dedication to family, community, and her profession, Marion was honored with the ISU College of Pharmacy Professional Achievement Award in 1994. This was her pinnacle and her family will
always be proud of her for the courage she had to be one of the “firsts” for women in so many ways while also being an extremely giving, loving, and thoughtful wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother and keeping family first! We love you and appreciate all you did for us through the years. The family thanks all the staff with Safe Haven and Access Home Care & Hospice for all of their care for Marion throughout the last three years. Marion was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse & Mildred Clark; father and mother-in-law, Harry & Jenny Bowen; brother and sister-in-law, Charles & Ramona Clark; sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy & Merl Ferguson. Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 20 at 11:00 a.m. in the Horsley's Marsh Valley Funeral Home, 570 N. Meadowview Drive, Arimo, ID. Friends may visit with the family on Thursday evening from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and on Friday morning from 9:30-10:45 a.m. all at the funeral home. Burial will follow in the Cambridge Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.horsleyfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Idaho Pharmacy Association Past Presidents’ Scholarship Fund, c/o ISU Foundation, Campus Box 8050, Pocatello, ID 83209.