

Effie Kuntz, 95

Mrs. Effie (Attleson) Kuntz, 95, of Brooklyn, died Friday, July 25, 2003, at Brooklyn Community Estates, Brooklyn.

Funeral services for Mrs. Kuntz were held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 29, at the Nevenhoven Funeral Home in Brooklyn. Rev. John Reynolds Jr., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiated. The musician was Marilyn Kriegel. Special selections were "*Whispering Hope*," "*Until We Meet Again*" and "*Rock of Ages*." Interment was in Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery.

Effie (Attleson) Kuntz was born on a farm near New Hampton, Iowa, on Aug. 26, 1907. Upon graduating from New Hampton High School, she attended Grinnell College and began her teaching career at a one-room school near Brooklyn in 1927.

On Sept. 5, 1928, she was united in marriage to W. Bevan Kuntz at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, whereupon they began their lives together on the farm a mile south of Brooklyn. They lived their entire lives together on the farm, raising their family of four children, Bevan Edward, Ronald William,

Duane Richard and Sara Jane.

In 1950, Effie returned to teaching in Malcom and Grinnell High Schools, while continuing her post-graduate education, receiving master degrees in administration from Drake University in Des Moines and library science from the University of Iowa.

Effie was a member of Grace United Methodist Church. She was president and district director of Business and Professional Women's Club of Iowa. Upon retirement, she lived on the family farm, enjoying her hobbies of gardening and collecting antiques. Effie traveled extensively around the world, visiting over 50 countries, before failing health required that she move to Brooklyn Community Estates.

Effie was preceded in death by her husband, Bevan, on July 30, 1975. She is survived by her children, Edward of Ottumwa, Ronald of Des Moines, Duane of Sioux Falls, S.D., and Sara Jane Youngkin and husband, Dennis, of Montezuma; six grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and her loving, wonderful sister, Ethel Montgomery of Marion, Iowa.

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