Virginia Lee Kurtz

Virginia Lee Kurtz, 91, of Grinnell, died Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at Mayflower Health Care Center.

A graveside service was held Saturday, April 12, at Resthaven Cemetery, in West Des Moines.

She was born Nov. 12, 1911, to William Lee and Lela Yeager of Sedalia, Mo. She attended Sedalia public schools, graduating from Smith-Cotton High School in 1928. She attended Christian College, Columbia, Mo., for a short while, then transferred to Central Business College in Sedalia where she earned a degree. She then was employed as a legal secretary at a Sedalia law office.

She was married on Oct. 15, 1938, in Kansas City, Mo., to Chester Kurtz. Following their marriage, they resided in Sedalia then moved to Des Moines in 1942, residing there until 1951 when they moved to Marengo. In 1954 they returned to Des Moines and Mrs. Kurtz began employment with Roosevelt Fabric Shop which she purchased in 1960, a business she operated for 19 years.

She was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church in Des Moines and the United Church of Christ-Congregational in Grinnell.

She is survived by two daughters, Joanne Foley of Montour and Carolyn Hosier of Des Moines, five grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents.