Theda Elizabeth Thorn Carron, 91

Theda Elizabeth Thorn Carron, 91, of Des Moines, formerly of Montezuma, passed from this life on Monday, Sept. 14, 2009, at Calvin Community Care Center in Des Moines. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17, at Immanuel United Methodist Church, in Des Moines, of which she was a member. Burial took place at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, at Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

Theda was born the daughter of Emaus Ira and Kathryn (Smith) Thorn on Nov. 5, 1917, in Montezuma. She was a 1935 graduate of Montezuma High School and attended A.I.B. Business College. After graduation, Theda was employed by the Secretary of State of Iowa and the Public Safety Department. On Dec. 5, 1941, she married William Marvin Carron in Cheyenne, Wyo., and their marriage was blessed with three children: Catherine Elizabeth, William Jackson and Brian Edward.

She was active as a volunteer in Wesley Acres Guild, a past president of J. M. W. Immanuel United Methodist Church, past president of Des Moines Women's Club, past regent of DAR - Jean Marie Cardinal, a member of Acanthus OES, PEO Chapter K.T., past president of Iowa Antique Association, and a member of Sportsman Club, Lake Vermillion, Minn.

She is survived and lovingly remembered by her children, Catherine B. (Stephen) Raps of Cook Lake Vermillion, Minn., William J. (Carla) Carron of Cathlamet, Wash., and Brian E. (Marilyn) Carron, Col. USAF Retired, of San Antonio, Texas; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Theda was preceded in death by her husband, William M. "Bill" Carron; and her parents.

In lieu of flowers, the family had respectfully requested that any memorial contributions be directed to either the Des Moines Women's Club Scholarship Fund or Immanuel United Methodist Church.