

Evelyne Lawson



Evelyne Lawson, 90, of Grinnell died Friday, Feb. 11, 2011, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Evelyne Lawson Memorial Fund.

She was born May 14, 1920, on a farm north of Gypsum, Kan., the daughter of Newton and Maudie Marion Mounkes Tinkler. She received her early education in Gypsum, graduating from high school in 1938. She continued her education at Emporia State University, Emporia, Kan.; Wesleyan University, Salina, Kan.; and the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colo. She received the Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Drake University in Des Moines in 1972.

She was united in marriage with Charles Edward Lawson on Aug. 29, 1945, in Salina. They moved to Grinnell in 1961. In 1964 they were divorced.

She began her employment career by teaching rural school in Salina County, Kan.; and later worked at the United States Air Force Base in Salina; at elementary school in Bellevue Kan.; at computer services at Grinnell College; as an emergency room technician at Grinnell Regional Medical Center; as a nursing assistant at St. Francis Manor; as Welcome Wagon hostess in Grinnell; and later as a product demonstrator at several local stores.

She was active in 4-H; later a USO hostess at the U.S. Air Force Base in Salina, Kan.; a member of Grinnell Community Chorus, Symphonic Band and Folk Dancers and Grinnell Community Theater. She was a member of the United Methodist Church, teaching in its Sunday School and active with its Chancel Choir and Radiant Ringers Bell Choir.

She is survived by her son Mark Lawson of Rockford, Ill.; two granddaughters and four great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her son Gary Steven Lawson; and her brother, Marcell Bernard Tinkler.

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She was married to Charles Edward Lawson on Aug. 29, 1945, in Salina. Two sons were born to this union, Gary Steven Lawson and Mark Charles Lawson. The family moved to Grinnell in 1961. Evelyne and Charles were divorced in 1964.

Evelyne's employment career began with teaching country school in Saline County, Kansas, The Air Force Base, Salina, taught elementary school in Belleville, Kansas, Grinnell College computer services, Grinnell Regional Medical Center emergency room technician, St. Francis Manor nursing assistant, Grinnell Welcome Wagon hostess, and later a product demonstrator at several local stores.

She was active in various community and church activities throughout her life beginning at age 10 with 4-H activities and was the recipient of several county and state awards. While working at the Air Force Base in Salina, she served as a USO hostess. Her life-long devotion to music began with playing the clarinet in her high school band. In Grinnell, she was a member of the Grinnell College Community Chorus, Symphonic Band and Folk Dancers, and the Grinnell Community Theater. She played the lead role in the Grinnell Community Theater production of "Quilters." She was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church where she was a Sunday school teacher and active with the Chancel and Radiant Ringers Bell choirs. She was an avid gardener and was well known for her flower gardens.

Survivors include her son, Mark Lawson of Rockford, Ill.; daughter-in-law, Melliny Lawson Lamberson of Brooksville, Fla.; two granddaughters, Devon Oppenheimer of Venice, Fla., and Monica Wlatkowitsch of Nokomis, Fla.; four great-grandchildren, Joshua and Stephanie Watson, Nicholas Wlatkowitsch, and Griffin Oppenheimer; and a sister-in-law, Anna Mae of Humboldt, Kan.

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