Miriam Carleen Hackman Heusel, 92, of Mt. Pleasant, and formerly of Grinnell, died Friday, May 24, 2013, at Sunrise Terrace in Winfield, Iowa.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, May 31, at First United Methodist Church, Mt. Pleasant. Pastor Herbert Shafer will officiate. According to her wishes, she has been cremated and private family interment will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant. Memorials may be directed to Iowa Huntington Disease Research Elliot Chapter, New London, or in charge of arrangements. 

She was born April 5, 1921, in Syracuse, Neb., the daughter of Otto Walter and Viola Ganzel Hackman. On Oct. 21, 1949, she married Logan Heusel in Lincoln, Neb. She was raised in Lincoln and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1938 and from the University of Nebraska in 1942 with a BS degree in textiles and clothing. She was a member of Kappa Phi Sorority.

During World War II, she was a USO volunteer. After college, she was employed by the Veterans Administration in Lincoln and later in Denver, Colo. After her marriage, her husband’s employment with Cargill took them to Grinnell; to Rochelle, Ill.; and to Mt. Pleasant where they made their home since 1964.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Mt. Pleasant, and past member of the United Methodist Women. She was also a former member of American Association of University Women. She was the pianist for her church for many years in Lincoln and accompanied many vocal groups in high school and university. She also accompanied the Rhythm Rockers for many years. She loved to read, travel and attend family reunions. She also liked to sew.

She is survived by one son, Timothy of New London; one grandson; and many other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one son, Eric; one sister, Ardith Wybell; and one brother, James Hackman.