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## Ruth M. Miller

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Ruth M. Miller, 93, of Grinnell, died Friday, December 20, 2013, at the Mayflower Community Health Care Center in Grinnell.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, December 23, 2013 at the Carman Center of the Mayflower Community. Visitation with the family was from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorials may be directed to the Mayflower Human Needs Fund and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home.

Ruth was born on June 22, 1920, to Arthur and Mabel

Ostman Burch, in Grinnell, Iowa. She was raised in Grinnell and attended school there. She found her niche in life as a seamstress.

On November 10, 1937, she married Harold E. Miller in Unionville, Missouri. Ruth enjoyed sewing, puzzles, reading and flying with Harold. She was an avid Chicago Cubs and Iowa Hawkeye fan. Ruth loved to listen to country western music, especially when Harold played. She was a loving and dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She lived for her grandsons and never missed a sporting event that they had. Each and every one of her great grandchildren were so special to her. She loved them so much and enjoyed being with them whenever she could. As a mother, she was the best that ever could be. She was always there for you. She never judged you, she just always loved you.

In 1960, they moved to Marshalltown, where they lived and worked for 50 years. The couple moved to the Mayflower Community in 2010. She was active in all their activities and made many new friends there. They became part of her family and she loved the staff at Beebe Hall.

Ruth is survived by her daughter, Pat (Robert) Strawser of Grinnell; three grandsons, Steve (Michelle) Strawser of Des Moines, Mark (Anne) Strawser of Bettendorf and Curt (Tammy) Strawser of Grinnell; and nine great grandchildren, Alyssa (Andy) Ricketts, Cassandra (Ryan) Plessel, Jordan, Payton, Sydney, Grace, Zane, Logan and Ty Strawser.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harold on September 21, 2010; her brothers, Paul, Beverly and Donald Burch; one sister, Irene Burch; and one great granddaughter, Samantha Strawser.

