Phyllis C. Armstrong

Phyllis C. Armstrong, 96, of Grinnell, died on Wednesday, October 29, 2014, at the Mayflower Community in Grinnell.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, November 8, 2014, at the Carman Center of the Mayflower Community with the Rev. Rose Blank, pastor of the United Methodist Church in Grinnell, and the Rev. Christine Tinkler, chaplain of the Mayflower Community, officiating. A private family inurnment will take place at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Should friends desire, memorials in Phyllis' name may be directed to either Grinnell Regional Hospice, the Mayflower Human Needs Fund or to the United Methodist Church in Grinnell.

Phyllis was born on Thursday, November 29, 1917, in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, to Charles and Allie Mae Howell Colton. She was raised in Pine Bluff and graduated with the Class of 1936 from Pine Bluff High School. Following her graduation, the family relocated to Little Rock, Arkansas, and she attended a business college. She worked in the accounting department at the Arkansas Power and Light Company.

Phyllis met Everett Armstrong at a dance while he was stationed at Camp Robinson, prior to his tour of duty during World War II with the U.S. Army in Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. On February 23, 1946, she was married to Everett C. Armstrong at the First Presbyterian Church in Little Rock and to this union was born two children, Linda and Philip. The couple moved to Grinnell, Iowa, where they owned and operated Armstrong Electric for 35 years. Everett retired in 1980 and they remained in Grinnell. After Everett's death, Phyllis became an active member of the Mayflower Community.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Grinnell, the Drummond Club, TTT Society, Pi Rho Lambda Club, Chapter BM of PEO and several bridge clubs. Her favorite past times were playing bridge and reading.

Survivors include her daughter, Linda (George) Robbins of Kansas City, Missouri; her son, Philip (Lynn) Armstrong of Darien, Connecticut; three grandchildren, John, Colton and Katherine Armstrong of Darien; one niece; four nephews; and six first cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Everett on September 6, 2000; her parents; and one sister, Janice Colton.