

Celebrates 100th



MARY BOSSERT celebrating her 100th birthday with Allison Hamilton, her great-great-great-aunt. Allison is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick [Terry] Hamilton of Dakota City, Ia.

Mary Bossert of Brookhaven noted her 100th year birthday Friday, Aug. 12. One hundred seventy-five people were registered at an open house held in her honor at Brookhaven that afternoon by her son and daughters, John Bossert of Los Angeles, Calif., Patricia Meyer of Plainsboro, N.J., and Margaret Porth of Calamus. Another daughter, Mary Spies of Spokane, Wash., visited her mother two months ago. A card shower was also enjoyed with more than 250 cards being received.

Mrs. Bossert was born near Montezuma. She graduated from

Terry's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim [Bonnie] Lyman whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry [Verna-dec.] Bunnell. Harry Bunnell is a nephew of Mary's.

Montezuma High School in 1907 and from Grinnell College in 1912. She taught country school in the Montezuma area and high school at Primghar. She returned to Montezuma where she taught 15 years prior to her retirement in 1964. She became a resident of Brookhaven in December, 1981.

The Brookhaven staff describes her as a basketball fan, a bird-flower-and-nature lover, a reader, and one who enjoys playing bingo. She especially enjoyed the game Scrabble, reading, and writing letters until her eyesight started failing.

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Mary Bossert

Mary Bunnell Bossert, 100, a long-time resident of the Montezuma area, died Sunday, Feb. 12, at Brookhaven Nursing Home, where she had lived for the past eight years.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church in Montezuma, with the Rev. George Salnave officiating.

Burial was in the Masonic I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Montezuma, with the Watts Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Memorials in Mrs. Bossert's name may be made to the First Presbyterian Church or toward tree plantings at Montezuma Community School.

The daughter of Jessie and Sarah Bunnell, she was born Aug. 12, 1888. While attending Montezuma High School she played on the first Montezuma girls' basketball team. She graduated from Montezuma High School in 1907 and from Grinnell College in 1912.

She taught school in Montezuma and Primgar prior to her marriage to John C. Bossert Nov. 17, 1916. After her husband's death in 1943 she again taught school in Montezuma, retiring in 1964.

Mrs. Bossert was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Westminster Circle, Garden Club and D.A.R.

Surviving are one son, John of Torrance, Calif.; three daughters, Mary Spies of Spokane, Wash., Patricia Meyer of Peachtree City, Ga., and Margaret Porth of Calamus; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John; a sister, Sadie Edwards; and a brother, William.