

Bertha Vanderburgh



Bertha F. Vanderburgh, 89, died Monday, March 27, 2006, at Mayflower Health Care Center.

A memorial service will be held Friday, March 31, at 11 a.m. in

the Carman Center at Mayflower. Inurnment will take place later in Rural Poughkeepsie Cemetery in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Family members will greet friends prior to the service beginning at 9 a.m. in the Carman Center. Memorials may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice. Online condolences may be submitted to the family on the Smith Funeral Home website www.smithfh.com.

She was born Dec. 24, 1916, in Barnes City, the daughter of Roy and Una Turney Tarvin. She graduated from Montezuma High School with the class of 1935. She was united in marriage with George Schlegle Vanderburgh on Nov. 25, 1937, in Dutchess County, N.Y. Both had careers with IBM in Poughkeepsie. Her husband died on Nov. 27, 1971. Following her retirement in 1977, she was active in bird-watching groups, cross-country skiing and mountain climbing. She was a member of the Catskill Mountain 3500 Club and did extensive traveling within the United States as well as in foreign countries. She returned to Iowa in 1986 to reside at

Mayflower where she was very active until fracturing her hip.

She is survived by one sister Marjorie Little of Montezuma and two sisters-in-law, Margaret Tarvin of Grinnell and Ruth Tarvin of Englewood, Fla. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; five brothers, Everett, Cleo, Floyd, Clark and Raymond Tarvin and two sisters, Lois Tarvin and Lodi Slagle.