Ferne M. Miller

Ferne M. Miller, 102, of Branson, Mo., formerly of Grinnell, died Monday, March 19, 2007, at Forsyth Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Forsyth, Mo.

A graveside service and interment will take place Friday, March 23, at 1:30 p.m. at Hazelwood Cemetery with the Rev. Tim Stewart, pastor of Grinnell First Baptist Church, officiating.

The daughter of Delpha May and stepdaughter of William McDowell, she was born Sept. 25, 1904, in Livonia, Mo. She was raised and received her education in Grinnell. On Sept. 20, 1925, she was married to Lauriston L. Miller in Newton. They lived in Newton before moving to Madison, Wis., in 1934 where she was employed at a Fanny Farmer Candy Store and later at RAYOVAC Battery Company. They moved to Tempe, Ariz., in 1955 and to Pine, Ariz. in 1969. They later resided in Vian, Okla., and Yuma, Ariz.; prior to moving to Grinnell in 1983. Following the death of her husband in 1989, she returned to Yuma, then moved to Branson in 1996.

She is survived by one daughter Janet Reed of Tucson, Ariz.; one sister, Lucille White of Nixa, Mo.; four grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; her mother and stepfather, and two brothers, Kenneth and Keith McDowell.