

Inez Carlson

Inez Carlson, 97, of the Villa del Sol in Marshalltown, formerly of Gilman, died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2007, at the Villa Del Sol.

A funeral service was held Thursday, Dec. 13, at Mitchell Family Funeral Home in Marshalltown with burial following in Rose Hill Memorial Gardens. Condolences may be submitted at www.mitchellfh.com.

The daughter of Andrew and Minnie Berntson Tow, she was born Nov. 1, 1910. She attended school in Gilman, graduating from high school in 1928. During her school years she participated in track, drama and basketball. Following her graduation she drove the Gilman school bus. She was married on June 14, 1930, to Martin Carlson, and they settled in Adair. Five years later, they returned to the Gilman area where her husband started a feed-grinding business and later worked for the Standard Oil Co. In the 1950s they built a new Standard Oil Station in Gilman which they operated for the next 25 years as she raised three children and two grandchildren. She was an active member of the Gilman Community Church, the Rebekah Lodge and Onyx Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of which she was a past matron, noble grand, president and a 50-year-plus member of both lodges.

She is survived by her daughter Margaret Steier of Haverhill; two granddaughters and four great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Martin; two daughters, Arlene and Mary, and four brothers, Inman, Herman, Clarence and Alfred Carlson.

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