

Adelaide Keeney



Adelaide (Peggy) Keeney, 94, of Grinnell died Sunday, Sept. 7, 2008, at Mayflower Health Care Center.

A private burial will be held at a later date at Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Stewart Library Building Fund and sent in care of Smith Funeral Home.

She was born May 10, 1924, in Leighton, the daughter of Dr. J. J. and Adelaide Black Sybenga. She received a degree in teaching from Central College in Pella and taught for three years in the Dunlap School District. On Sept. 4, 1937, she was united in marriage with Lawrence G. Keeney of Pella. They made their home in Grinnell where she was a homemaker and he was CEO of Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company from 1944 to 1975. They moved to Gull Lake in Minnesota, then returned to Grinnell in 1983. She was a member of Pi Rho Lambda, the Sit and Knit Club, and the Garden Club of Brainard, Minn. She also was a 60-year member of P.E.O.

While living in Grinnell, she was involved in community and school activities. She enjoyed music, film, needlework, reading books and politics. Life on Gull Lake allowed her to follow a love of nature and time to pursue knowledge in the treatment and cure of diabetes.

She is survived by three daughters Martha Heddens of Park City, Utah; Cynthia Cronn of Papillion, Neb., and Mary Mowers of Beloit, Wis.; five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband in 1984 and one son-in-law, Michael Mowers.

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