

Betty D. Porter, 99

Betty D. Porter, 99, of Grinnell, died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009, at the Mayflower Community Health Care Center.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 13, at the United Church of Christ-Congregational in Grinnell with the Rev. Dr. Susan K. Weier officiating. Eulogist was Bob Mann. Organist was Pat Saxton. Pallbearers were Mindy Porter Breed, Sam Porter, Kent Porter, Elizabeth Wassmuth Ernst, Sarah Wassmuth, Scott Miller, Dan Porter, Laura Wassmuth Kingsbury, Dana Clausius, Matt Miller, Paul Clausius, and Clara Miller Jarlsberg. A family burial was held prior to the memorial service at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.



In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Mayflower Community Human Needs Fund or to the U.C.C.-Congregational.

Betty was born March 2, 1909, in Fairfax, Mo., the daughter of Lorenzo Dow and Orabelle Brinegar Hutton. When she was four years of age, she lost her parents and lived in an orphanage until she was adopted by the Charles Davis family. She lived in Omaha and received her education in the Omaha School District.

On June 23, 1930, she was married to Dr. Samuel Dale Porter, in Omaha, and the couple moved to Grinnell where they raised their family. For many years, she did volunteer work in her community and her church.

Betty was a member of Pleiades, Elizabeth Earl Magoun, Pi Rho Lambda study club, Chapter JB PEO, Grinnell Country Club, several bridge clubs, and was a 75-year member of the United Church of Christ-Congregational in Grinnell. She enjoyed cooking, listening to music and singing. She was very devoted to her family and very thoughtful and caring to others.

Survivors include three children, Dr. Sam (Jewel Hendrickson) Porter of Mason City, Sandra (Roger) Gade of Ames, and Mary (Dr. Gary) Miller of Enid, Okla.; 12 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Samuel Dale Porter; an infant son; an infant grandson; one brother; and two sisters.

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