

IN MEMORY OF  
ALDA MARIE MILLER

(FRED)

The daughter of Manley and Sarah Jane Taylor Pierce, Alda was born on December 6, 1896 in the Blue Point area, south of Grinnell. She received her education in the Lower Blue Point School. She was not able to attend high school in Grinnell because of the poor roads in the country so she assisted her teacher at the rural school to further her education.

On January 18, 1914 she was married to Edward D. Thompson at her parent's home at Blue Point. The couple farmed in Blue Point and during World War II they moved to Long Beach, California, where Edward worked for Douglas Aircraft. Following the war the couple returned to Grinnell and Alda cared for elderly people at her home. Edward died on October 10, 1952 and on November 7, 1964 she was married to Fred C. Miller in Des Moines. Alda and Fred continued to make their home in Grinnell at 1121 Spencer Street.

Alda loved raising flowers, cake decorating, crafts and she especially loved her grandchildren. She was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, the Pythian Sisters and she was past Noble Grand of the Rebekah Lodge.

She is survived by her son, Charyl Thompson of Petaluma, California; eight grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Alda died on Sunday, November 17, 1991 at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell. She was 94 years of age, and was preceded in death by her parents; both of her husbands; two sons, Daryl and Carroll Thompson; one grandson; two brothers, Albert and Edward Pierce; and four sisters, Hattie Dickson, Mary Reavis, Mertie Fleener, and Lella Zeitler.

**Alda M. Miller**

Alda M. Miller, 94, of Grinnell died Sunday, Nov. 17, at St. Francis Manor.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. John Darlington of Montezuma officiating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler, and pallbearers were Dave Barns, Lyle Beeler, Frank Brown, Dennis Conway, Jerry Deppe and Jim Onthank. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Church.

The daughter of Manley and Sarah Taylor Pierce, she was born Dec. 6, 1896, south of Grinnell. She was educated in Blue Point area schools.

On Jan. 18, 1914, she was married to Edward D. Thompson in Grinnell. The couple farmed south of Grinnell.

They moved to Long Beach, Calif., in 1944, later returning to Grinnell. Mr. Thompson died in 1952.

She was married to Fred Miller Nov. 7, 1964, and the couple continued to live in Grinnell.

Mrs. Miller was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church and the Pythian Sisters. She was past noble grand of the Rebekah Lodge.

Surviving are one son, Charyl W. Thompson of Petaluma, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands; two sons, Daryl and Carroll; one grandson; two brothers, Albert and Edward; and four sisters, Hattie Dickson, Mary Reavis, Mertie Fleener and Lella Zeitler.

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