

# Lauramay Miller 87

(MELVIN)

Lauramay Miller, 87, died May 2, 1999 at Baptist Hospital in Nashville, Tenn.

Her funeral was May 7 at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma. Brother Richard Reed of Cedar Rapids officiated.

Music was "The Gathering Melody," "My Savior's Love" and "Softly and Tenderly."

Casket bearers were Dale Neal, Michael Spain, Glenn Speas and Larry Steele. Honorary casket bearers were Michael Neal Spain and Tabitha Peace.

Interment was in Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

Mrs. Miller was born Oct. 12, 1911 in Searsboro, the only daughter along with seven brothers of John Eugene and Grace (Tice) Foster. She graduated from Searsboro High School in 1929 and took normal training at William Penn College in Oskaloosa.

On Aug. 3, 1931, she married Melvin C. Miller in Salem. Their marriage lasted 67 years. Together, they raised a family of four children, Terry Dale, Joseph Eugene, Kathryn Grace and JoAnn.

Mrs. Miller taught rural school from 1930 until 1933. After starting a family, she stayed home to raise her children before returning to teach in 1954. In 1957, she joined the faculty at BGM schools and taught fifth grade.

During the next several years, she was a part-time student at William Penn College, earning her bachelor's degree in 1965. Later, she did graduate work at Drake University in Des Moines.

In 1967, she began teaching reading, vocabulary and writing. She initiated the project, "Read, Think and Do" in which students were responsible for reading about an event or object and then sharing their ideas with nursing home residents. She retired from BGM in 1977.

Mrs. Miller enjoyed family activities, church events, visiting the old homestead, hunting mushrooms and traveling throughout the U.S.

Mrs. Miller was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers, Merle, Lyle, Max, Art and Keith Foster; her husband, Melvin on December 20, 1998 and one grandson.

She is survived by two brothers, Thomas Foster of Ashton, Ill. and Carrol Foster of Phoenix, Ariz.; four children and their spouses, Terry and Anne Miller of Keysville, Va.; Joe and Linda Miller of Cedar Rapids, Kathy and Dale Neal of Henderson, Tenn. and JoAnn and Glenn Speas of Cottontown, Tenn.; 13 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, many friends and other relatives.

Funeral arrangements were by Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma.

## Lauramay Miller

Lauramay Miller, 87, died Sunday, May 2, at Baptist Hospital, Nashville, Tenn.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma, with Brother Richard Reed of Cedar Rapids officiating. Casket bearers were Dale Neal, Michael Spain, Glenn Speas and Larry Steele. Honorary bearers were Michael Spain and Tabitha Peace.

Burial was in Jackson Township Cemetery.

She was the daughter of John Eugene and Grace Tice Foster and was born Oct. 12, 1911 in Searsboro. She graduated from Searsboro High School in 1929 and took normal training at William Penn College in Oskaloosa.

On Aug. 3, 1931, she was married to Melvin C. Miller in Salem, Iowa. She returned to teaching in 1954 and joined the faculty in the BGM schools in 1957, teaching fifth grade. During the next several years she was a part-time student at William Penn, earning her bachelor's degree in 1965. She also did some graduate work at Drake University in Des Moines.

She is survived by four children, Terry of Keysville, Va., Joe of Cedar Rapids, Kathy Neal of Henderson, Tenn., and JoAnn Speas of Cottontown, Tenn.; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Thomas Foster of Ashton, Ill., and Carroll Foster of Phoenix, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; five brothers, Merle, Lyle, Max, Art and Keith Foster; and one grandson.

MR May 12, 1999

H-R May 13, 1999