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Mildred M. Smith



Mildred M. Smith, 91, rural Grinnell, died Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2004, at Friendship Manor.

A memorial service was held Monday, Aug. 23, at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Jeff Maskevich, pastor of Newburg-Chester Congregational Church, officiating. Music was provided by Alice Renaud, organist, and

Delmar and Jean Sharp, long-time friends and neighbors of Mrs. Smith, as vocalists. Honorary bearers were her grandchildren, Dennis, Richard, Kent and Joel Carnahan, Susan Schilder, Elizabeth Baughman, Dr. Crystal Smith and James and Benjamin Smith. Burial was in Chester Cemetery, rural Grinnell.

She was the daughter of Selmer and Jeanie Carroll Nelson and was born July 14, 1913, in Marshall County. She attended rural schools and graduated as valedictorian of her class at Gilman High School in 1930. She was married on April 3, 1932, to Charles L. Smith in Oregon, Ill. The couple, who were married for nearly 62 years, farmed near Newburg until their retirement in 1972. She had resided at Friendship Manor for the past three years.

She was a long-time member of the Newburg United Church of Christ-Congregational.

She is survived by three daughters, Jean Carnahan of Grinnell, Judith Baughman of Columbia, S.C., and Sandra Smith of Keysville, Md.; one son Charles Smith of Havelock, N.C.; eight grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren, 11 great great grandchildren, and two sisters, Verna Dodge, Sacramento Calif., and Helen Lippincot of Brooklyn. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two adult brothers, Elmer and Kelly Nelson, and two infant brothers Dale and Thomas Nelson.