

Mildred Sams



Mildred Sams, 81, of Seeland Park in Grinnell died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2005, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, March 2, at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Len Eberhart, pastor of Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Music was Betty Ann Battey, pianist and Rhonda Minner, vocalist. Interment was in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to the United Methodist Church. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.smithfh.com.

She was born Sept. 25, 1923, on the family farm near Arnolds Park to Curtis and Marie Longshore Bundy. She graduated from Arnolds Park High School with the class of 1941, then attended William Penn College in Oskaloosa. She worked for the John Hancock Insurance Company in Des Moines and for a bank in Milford.

She was united in marriage with Russell Sams on Feb. 8, 1946, at the Friends Church in Arnolds Park.

They lived in Oskaloosa where her husband attended college and she worked in a bank and at the YMCA. They lived in Grinnell, Cresco and Kirksville, Mo., before returning to Grinnell to make their home in 1974. She was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and the Order of Eastern Star. She enjoyed crafts, especially needlework and ceramics, playing cards, socializing with friends and spending the winter months in Arizona.

She is survived by her husband, Russell Sams of Grinnell; two sons, Mark Sams of River Falls, Wis., and Ron Sams of Apple Valley, Minn.; one daughter, Cheryl Vigna of Los Angeles, Calif.; three grandchildren and two sisters, Bonnie Wunder of Lake Park and Gwen Bundy of Milford. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Cyril Bundy.

H-R MARCH 3, 2005