

Mina S. Olin, 95



Mina Sofia Olin was born October 19, 1910 in Deep River, Iowa. She was the fifth of six children born to Karl and Emma Olin. She graduated from Iowa State Teachers College with a degree in math and Iowa State University with a home economics degree.

After eighteen years of teaching high school in Lynnvile, Linn Grove, Mitchell, Colo and Toledo, she joined the Tama County Extension Services as a home economist. In that position she taught classes to Farm Bureau women's groups, trained 4-H leaders, assisted 4-H girls with numerous activities, and judged hundreds of local, county, and state fair demonstrations and projects. She was also the first home economist in Iowa to work with Meskwaki women. The fellowship and exchange of information that she experienced with her Meskwaki friends was especially enjoyable. She retired in 1971 after twenty-one years in extension.

She enjoyed playing bridge, doing

hardanger, tatting, knitting, Swedish weaving and traveling. All state school sporting events were not to be missed if possible and last fall she was excited to see the Chicago White Sox win the World Series. She visited every state on the mainland, Alaska (2004), Mexico, Canada, and four Scandinavian countries. In Sweden she met relatives and visited her father's birthplace. Another travel highlight was a visit to Hyde Park, New York in 1953. She was touring the estate when Eleanor Roosevelt and her son, John, took over as guides. They were accompanied by the King and Queen of Greece.

She lived in Marion's Village Ridge complex the last five years. She died at the home of her nephew, Denny, and niece, Sandy Bruns, on February 23, 2006.

She was a member of the United Church in Deep River and she will be buried beside her sister, Ruth King, in the Goldenrod Cemetery. Family and friends can gather at the Deep River Community Center Sunday, February 26th at 2 pm with a graveside service at 3 pm.

The family requests no flowers. Memorials may be donated to a favorite charity in her name.