

Mildred Beem, 102

Mildred Florence Uhl Beem, 102, passed away at Friendship Manor in Grinnell on August 16, 2006. Graveside services will be held at Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 1:30 p.m. with a time of fellowship to follow at the Brooklyn Activity Center.

The daughter of Walter and Minnie Lincoln Uhl, she was born December 19, 1903, at the family farm home south of Brooklyn. Mildred attended rural schools, graduating from Brooklyn High School with the class of 1921. She then attended Capitol City Commercial College in Des Moines.



She was married to Ray Beem on Nov. 24, 1927, and to this union were born two children: Walter and Dorothy (Mrs. Maynard Lang). Mildred worked for many years as a secretary, first for the Iowa Legislature in Des Moines, then the University of Iowa College of Law in Iowa City, the Neurology Department of the University of Iowa, and later at Westside Training Center for Retarded Citizens in Taft, Calif., where she worked until her retirement. Mildred lived in California for many years, returning to Iowa when her health began to fail.

She enjoyed reading and listening to audio books, Iowa Hawkeye sports, Democratic politics, and most of all, her grandchildren and their families. She was an avid letter-writer and corresponded with many friends. Two special events in her life were her 99-1/2 year birthday party in June of 2003, when her family hosted an open house in her honor, and the Brooklyn Days Vintage Clothing Competition in 1999, where her 1921 graduation dress was modeled by her great-granddaughter, Jessica Lang, won second place.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy and Maynard Lang, four grandchildren, John Lang (Nancy), Christine Lang Turpin (Tom), Craig Lang (Mary), and Eric Lang (Nicole); eight great-grandchildren, Suzanne Upton (Ian), Sarah Lang, Stephen Turpin, Jessica Lang, Gavin Lang, Chase Lang (Sylvona), Dane Lang, and Cade Lang, and two great-great grandsons, Berkeley and Griffin Upton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, and her son, Walter.

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