

Matilda R. Morrison



Matilda R. Morrison, 99, of San Gabriel, Calif., died Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007, at her home.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, Oct. 3, at Westfield Church, rural Grinnell, with the Rev. Howard Lord officiating. Interment will be in Westfield Cemetery. Family members will greet friends at the church one hour prior to the service. Memorials may be made to Westfield Church or to Westfield Cemetery Association and sent in care of Smith Funeral Home. Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.smithfh.com.

She was born on Dec. 17, 1907, the second of nine children born to Frank and Ethel Pearce of rural Grinnell. The farm on which she was raised was designated a Century Farm and still is being operated by the family. She was a rural school teacher near Grinnell for a short time, then was married to David Morrison, her Grinnell boyfriend. They moved to San Gabriel in 1929, where they raised their three daughters. She was active in the San Gabriel area including the Parent Teacher Association and also was a Girl Scout leader. As a pastime, she enjoyed tending her garden.

She is survived by her daughters, Marilyn Keiper and Susanna Kotchnik of San Gabriel and Nancy Shiershke of Arcadia, Calif.; eight grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; three great great grandchildren and her siblings, Gladys Keller of Florida, Ethel Mae Morrison of Minnesota and George Pearce of California. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband David in 1960 and her siblings, Bill, Wilma, Loren, Myrtle and Martin.

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