

Elizabeth Uhlenhopp



Elizabeth Uhlenhopp, 93, of Mayflower died Friday, May 18, 2007, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, May 22, in the Carman Center at Mayflower with John Saxton, chaplain of Mayflower, officiating. Pianist was Pat Saxton. A graveside service was held Wednesday, May 23, at the Hampton Cemetery in Hampton with the Rev. John Byrne officiating. Memorials in her name may be directed to the Stewart Library Building Fund in care of Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell IA 50112.

She was born May 10, 1914, in Hampton to H. Earl and Winifred Cummings Elliott. She was raised in Hampton and graduated from Hampton High School, the fourth generation of the Elliott family to graduate from the school. Education, the arts and politics shaped her work and lifestyle. She received the bachelor of science degree in applied art and home economics education from Iowa State University in Ames after which she studied at the California School of Fine Arts in San Francisco and earned a master's degree in English at the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

In June 1940 she was united in marriage with Harvey Uhlenhopp. They remained in Hampton where she taught literature and composition in Hampton Senior High School. She later taught communication skills at North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City. Her husband was a district court judge and later served for 13 years on the Iowa Supreme Court. She has resided at Mayflower since July 1998.

She enjoyed traveling to Europe and the Far East, gardening, music and art. She was involved in leadership roles in community school reorganization, League of Women Voters, American Association of University Women, Iowa for the United Nations, the Governor's Commission on Reorganization and the Iowa Council of Teachers of English. She was a member of the Congregational Church in Hampton.

She is survived by her son, Elliott Uhlenhopp of Grinnell; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents and two sons, John and Harvey Jr.

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