

Margaret Barger



Margaret Maxine Mathews Barger, 94, of Osceola died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007, at Windsor Manor in Grinnell.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 14, at Kale Funeral Home in Osceola. Memorials may be made to First Christian Church in Osceola.

She was born Jan. 12, 1913, in Knoxville, the daughter of Ray and Stella Squier Mathews. She had resided in Osceola the majority of her life, graduating from Osceola High School in 1931. She taught rural schools in Clarke County for several years. She was united in marriage with Russell Barger on July 21, 1934. She was a member of First Christian Church in Osceola where she was a Sunday School teacher and member of its Women's Fellowship; a Girl Scout leader; active in PTA; a member of the Rebekah Lodge of which she was a past noble grand; the Garden Club, Osceola Women's Club and Nifty Needle Club.

Following the death of her husband, she worked in the lunchroom at East Elementary School where she was a manager, retiring in 1978. She was proud of being able to stay in her own home until two weeks prior to her death.

She is survived by two daughters Marie Long of Urbandale and Mary Cranston of Marne and two sons, James Barger of Woodward and David Barger of Grinnell; nine grandchildren, nine great grandchildren; two step great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren and one sister Doris Camacho of Baldwin Park, Calif. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Russell; three brothers, George, Kenneth and Jack, and one sister Ruby.

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