

Valetta M. Fowler (FREDERICK)

Mrs. Valetta M. Fowler, 92, of Brooklyn, died early Tuesday morning, Sept. 3, 1996, in Grinnell Regional Medical Center, Grinnell.

Funeral services for Mrs. Fowler were held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 5, in the Grace United Methodist Church, Brooklyn. Rev. William Daylong officiated. The organist was Mrs. Anita Ormiston and congregational hymns were "Amazing Grace" and "Just A Closer Walk With Thee." Angie Van Cleave Lundvall presented a "Grandmother's Tribute." Flower attendants were Ruth Carmichael, Lillian Davidson, and Evalena Dale. Casketbearers were Bill Kelley, Maynard Saylor, Lyle Oswood, Jack Crosson, Ross McCulla, and Kenneth Carmichael. Interment was in Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery. The Nevenhoven Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Valetta Mae Murdock Fowler, daughter of Alex Murdock and Isabelle Milling Murdock, was born April 8, 1904, at Ewart, Iowa. She moved with her family to Brooklyn at the age of 9 years. Mrs. Fowler graduated by correspondence from Brooklyn High School with the class of 1923.

On October 12, 1921, she was married to Frederick Fowler in the Methodist parsonage in Brooklyn. They farmed north of Brooklyn for 25 years. During World War II they lived in the Quad Cities. After they operated a Phillips 66 station in Tama, they returned to Brooklyn in 1949. Mrs. Fowler worked at REC for five years, owned and operated the Ben Franklin Store in Brooklyn, and later worked for Wes Reida.

Valetta was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church, Eastern Star, Kum-Joy-Nus, and adult Sunday School. She enjoyed painting, poetry and baking, but most of all, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Arlene and Louis Keiser of Brooklyn; three grandchildren, Mike Keiser of Brooklyn, Mary Van Cleave of Melbourne, and Nancy Keiser of Bryant; six great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, who died April 13, 1966; one daughter, Vivian Moeller; one brother, Hugh Murdock; and three sisters, Margaret Milling, Lois McGivern and Ethyl Simmons.

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