

Miriam M. Molison (Cecil / Burr)

Funeral services were Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7, at the United Church of Christ-Congregational in Grinnell for Mrs. Miriam M. Molison, 94, of the Mayflower Home in Grinnell, who died Wednesday, Dec. 3, 1997, of congestive heart failure, at the Mayflower Home Health Care Center.

The Rev. Robert Molsberry, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Homer Perry officiated. Casketbearers were her grandchildren, Constance Molison, William Molison, Dennis Finley, Diane Power, Beth Mills, Alan Finley, Laura Molison, Christopher Molison, Andrew Molison, Grace Finley, Jensen Power and Brennan Power. Burial was at the Ivy Hill Cemetery at Malcom.

Miriam was born on Feb. 24, 1903, at Brooklyn to William J. and Minnie L. Breniman McLain. She was raised in Brooklyn and graduated from Brooklyn High School. In 1924 she graduated from Iowa State College in Ames with a degree in home economics.

On July 6, 1927, she was married to Wilbur C. Molison at Brooklyn. The couple lived at Washington, before moving to a farm north of Grinnell in 1931. She was very involved in the farming operation and was also involved in 4-H, the Grange and the Farm Bureau. During the 1950s she was named Iowa Master Farm Homemaker of the Year. They moved to Grinnell in the early 1960s to make their home.

She was a member of the United Church of Christ-Congregational, the Elizabeth Earle Magoun Club, Chapter BM of PEO, Pi Rho Lambda, and was past president of the Iowa State Legislative Ladies League.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one son, Wilbur "Mac" Molison; one brother, Marvin McLain; and two sisters, Mildred Breckenridge and Marjorie Jackson.

Survivors include one daughter, Mary Finley, of Theodosia, Mo.; one son, Robert Molison of Ames; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one brother, Maynard McLain of Grinnell.

Memorials may be made to the United Church of Christ-Congregational in Grinnell, the Mayflower Home Human Needs Fund, Iowa State University College of Family and Consumer Sciences and the Ronald McDonald Homes of Kansas City.

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A family graveside service was conducted at Ivy Hill Cemetery, Malcom, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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