

Robert Lavender

Bess Parker Dies at 93

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Gilman (Special) — Bess Carney Parker, 93, died Thursday, April 25 at Palm Springs, Calif. She was born and reared in Gilman, her father, J. M. Carney, having helped to plot out the town in the 1880s. She attended the Gilman School and Grinnell Academy and College.

She married Robert Lavender Parker on New Year's Day 1901. They lived for some 20 years in Traer, Iowa, where Mr. Parker managed the telephone exchange, and moved to Geneseo, Ill., in the same capacity. In late years Mrs. Parker has lived with her children, spending winters in Palm Springs, Calif.

Mrs. Parker was an active member of the Congregational Church in Gilman, in Traer, and in Geneseo. She also belonged to the Daughters of American Colonists of Grinnell.

Surviving are three children, Mrs. J. Russell Beachlor of Geneseo, Mrs. Charles Cockerham of Palm Springs, and Robert D. Parker of Springfield, Ill. Also surviving is her brother, Dr. Fred S. Carney of Webb City, Mo. There are five grandchildren surviving and 15 great-grandchildren.

Burial was at Palm Springs.