

Ruth Miller Esbeck, 78

March 4, 1916 - Jan. 26, 1995

Moline, IL - Ruth Miller was born March 4, 1916, in Cumberland County, east-central, IL, the daughter of Dave and Amy Miller. She received her BA degree from Eastern Illinois University in 1936 and then taught home economics for four years in Oblong, IL.

She married Howard Esbeck July 4, 1940, at her parents home near Casey, IL. They lived in the Moline area until 1948, and then moved to a family farm east of Elk Horn. She taught home economics in the Elk Horn-Kimballton Community Schools for nine years, and led the Homemakers vocational training classes for area women. They moved back to Moline in 1965. She completed her masters degree at Western Illinois University. She taught at Wilson Junior High in Moline for 14 years before retiring in 1980. She was a member of Omicron Nu, a home economics honorary; Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary for distinguished women educators; and a member of the Illinois Education Association. She died Jan. 26, 1995 at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames of complications following a stroke at age 78.

She was preceded in death by a son, Wayne Esbeck in 1953; a brother, Wayne Miller and a sister, Retha Moore. Survivors include her husband, Howard; a daughter Kay North of Ames; two sons, David Esbeck of San Diego, CA and Carl Esbeck of Columbia, MO; six grandchildren; a great-grandson; and a brother, Dwight Miller of Fort Myers, FL.

Services were held at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church in Elk Horn, Jan. 30, 1995 with burial in the Elk Horn cemetery. A memorial service was held Feb. 4, 1995 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Moline.