

Evelyn Plagman, 102 ✓

Oct. 8, 1902 - March 31, 2005

SHELBY — Evelyn Marguerite Miller Plagman was born in Harrison County, Oct. 8, 1902, the daughter of Fred T. and Jennie Miller. She spent her early childhood on a farm within walking distance of Tennant. She attended country school there and when in the sixth grade transferred to the new Tennant Consolidated School from whence she graduated in 1920.

Feb. 15, 1922, she married Ernest Henry Plagman at the farm home of her parents. To this union two children were born, Mary Virginia and Robert Ward. They resided on a farm northwest of Shelby until 1946 then moved into Shelby. She was a member of the Shelby United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women, Shelby Garden Club and the Federated Women's Club. She taught an adult women's Sunday School class and was secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School for 15 years. She was a charter member of the Corner Attic Group which was for the advancement of the Arts. She also taught china painting in her home for 10 years. In later years, she held a Bible study class in her home on Wednesday of each week. She died March 31, 2005, at the Avoca Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at age 102 years, five months and 22 days.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ernest Plagman; brother, Warren Miller; granddaughter, Virginia Schlaug; and two great-grandsons, Dennis Smith and Randy Plagman. She is survived her daughter, Mary Virginia Smith (Everett) of St. Joseph, MO; son, Robert Ward (Donna) of Council Bluffs; five grandchildren; two step grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two step great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held April 2, 2005, at the Shelby United Methodist Church with Pastor Orris Drake officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Dennis Smith, Randy Tate, Jason Schnack and Jeremy Tate. Casket bearers were David E. Smith, Douglas Smith, Rich Plagman, Ben Havick, David J. Smith, Ryan Plagman and Jonas Schnack. Knutson Family Chapel in charge of arrangements.