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Ruth Mayr, 90

Dec. 7, 1914 - May 1, 2005 ✓

KIMBERLING CITY, MO — Ruth Collison Mayr, was born Dec. 7, 1914 in Arcadia. She graduated from St. Angela Academy in Carroll in 1932, and was a 1936 graduate of the College of St. Theresa of Winona, MN. with a BS in French and Business. After college, she taught high school business in Austin, MN.

In 1941 Ruth married Dr. Rudy Mayr, a dentist from Harlan. They had two children, Joan and Collis. Rudy was killed in 1946 while in the service. Ruth and her children moved to Harlan then to Oskaloosa in 1957. She worked in her brother, Robert Collison's medical practice (Drs. Collison, Smith & Saxton) for 11 years. After leaving the medical office, she organized and was the first director of the Mahaska Homemaker Health Aide Service and the Meals on Wheels program for 11 years and was on the committee that established the hospice for the Oskaloosa area. She was an active member of the Catholic Daughters of America, and the Mahaska Hospice Auxiliary. She died May 1, 2005 at age 90.

Ruth is survived by her daughter, Joan (John) Curran of Tucson, AZ; son, Collis (Jan) Mayr of Branson West, MO; grandchildren, Ann Curran Stauch, Paul Curran, Shawn Mayr, and Tom Mayr; step grandson, Todd Oglesby; six great-grandchildren, two sisters, Irene Farley of Houston, TX and Lois Wrenn of Charlotte, NC; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Robert (Margaret) Collison of Des Moines and Martha Stigler also of Des Moines; brother-in-law, Leo (Helen) Mayr of Carroll; nephews and nieces and other relatives.

Burial was held May 11, 2005, at the Harlan Cemetery. A funeral Mass was held May 12, 2005, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Oskaloosa.