

Mary Ann Miller, 72

Aug. 22, 1930 - Sept. 8, 2002

MANNING – Mary Ann, daughter of Russell S. and Edna (Lundby) Beaver, was born Aug. 22, 1930, in Harlan. She graduated from Harlan High School in 1948, and earned her Bachelor of Education from Drake University in 1952. Following her graduation, she taught mathematics in the Elk Horn school system.

June 15, 1958, she married John F. Miller at her parent's summer home in Detroit Lakes, MN. Two children were born to this union. They made their home in Manning, where she was bookkeeper for the Miller Implement Company operated by her husband. She had retired from teaching in 1963. She was a homemaker and volunteer in addition to her various bookkeeping jobs over the years. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Women and secretary of UPW North West Synod. She was also a member and officer in the American Legion Auxiliary and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. The Order of the Eastern Star was very important to her and she held the office of Worthy Matron seven times. Her math skills were utilized through her many positions as organizations' treasurer. After the death of her husband in 1985, Mary Ann continued to live in their home in Manning. In 1997, she moved to eastern Iowa to be nearer her daughter and son-in-law. After suffering a series of strokes, she moved back to western Iowa, eventually residing in the Manning Plaza Nursing Home where she died Sept. 8, 2002, at age 72 years and 17 days.

Preceding her in death are her husband and parents. She is survived by her daughter, Jane (Bruce) Beasley of Clinton; son, David Miller (Darla) of Allen, TX; two granddaughters, Jenna and Cara Miller of Allen, TX; cousins, Frank "Rusty" Wirth (Lois) of Harlan; Charles Escher of Manning; and Maurine Baird of Arizona; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 12, 2002, at the Ohde Funeral Home, Manning, with Rev. Marshall Brown officiating. Casket bearers were Donald Pfannkuch, Charles Escher, Bill Langel, David Sedlecek, Robert Barsby, Jr. and Lynn Nulle.