

Margaret Runyon, 81

April 30, 1922 - Sept. 5, 2003

URBANDALE – Margaret Jean Runyon was born the daughter of Edgar and Blanche DeBord Larson April 30, 1922, in Harlan. She was a graduate of Harlan High School and later earned a teacher's degree from Drake University in Des Moines.

She was an elementary school teacher for a few years, before her marriage to Richard W. Runyon. Margaret and Richard made their home in Urbandale for more than 40 years, and later divorced. She was a homemaker all her life. She was a longtime member of the Urbandale United Church of Christ, where she was in the church choir and various women's organizations. In her earlier years, she was a former member and volunteer of the P.T.A. School Board and a member of the Lioness Club. She died Sept. 5, 2003, at the Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, at age 81.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and one sister. She is survived by her daughter, Ann Martin of Des Moines; two sons, Dr. Bruce Runyon of Long Beach, CA, and Michael Runyon (Tamra Phipps) of Tampa, FL; three grandchildren, Eric Martin of Baltimore, MD; Scott Martin of the U.S. Virgin Islands; and Marisa Martin of Lander, WY; and two nieces and three nephews.

Funeral services were held Sept. 8, 2003, at Urbandale United Church of Christ. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery.

