

Dickinson, Muriel  
d. 2-16-1933

Funeral services for Miss Muriel Dickinson, Colo girl who met a tragic death in a motor car accident on the highway south of Ames early last Thursday morning, were held Sunday afternoon at the Methodist Episcopal church of Colo, with the Rev W. Scheuermann in charge. Interment was in the Colo cemetery.

The church was filled to capacity when the casket was carried to its place where it was banked with beautiful flowers, gifts of friends as a silent tribute of their love for the departed young lady who was so popular in the community.

The songs were by Mrs. Minnie Myers and Mrs. Annabelle Danskin.

Pallbearers were the boys who had graduated with her in the class of 1930 of the Colo high school, being Sylvester Peakin, Frederic Berka, Robert Fitzgerald, Roy Hostettler, Verle Thornton, Lorraine Long, Woodrow Lounsberry and Leland Kellogg.

The girls of the same class attended the funeral services in a body.

The following obituary was read by the pastor during the service:

Muriel Dickinson, oldest daughter of Delbert and Lenna Dickinson, was born February 16, 1913, at Colo, and died February 16, 1933, at the exact age of 20 years. Muriel, known to her friends as "Dick", spent her childhood and youth in the Colo community. She was graduated from the Colo High school in 1930. The following fall she enrolled in the Iowa State college at Ames, and was in her Junior year when she met her death.

She is survived by her parents, one sister Ruth, one brother John, her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Watkins of Collins, and her grandmother, Mrs. Dickinson of Zearing. Besides these nearest of kin, are many other relatives and her friends were very numerous.

Muriel was a girl of wide and varied interests. During her college years she was a member of the Sigma Kappa sorority. During both her sophomore and junior years she was chosen to membership in honorary societies because of her scholarship and leadership ability. Only since her death was it revealed that she had been chosen for the scholarship at the Child Development school of Detroit Mich., for the spring quarter. This is the highest Home Economics scholarship offered to junior girls. She was also interested in athletics, and would have been honored with the "I" award in the spring.

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Muriel early showed an interest in spiritual matters. She was an active member of the Methodist Sunday school at Colo, and later was one of the teachers. In 1928 she united with this church and thus definitely pledged her loyalty to Christ. While in college she joined the Young Women's Christian association and shared in promoting the religious life of the college.

Muriel was known to her many friends as a girl who loved and enjoyed life. She cheerfully accepted the responsibilities and did her work enthusiastically. She was ambitious to achieve her highest possibilities and was blessed with many recognitions of her industry.

If I can stop one heart from breaking  
I shall not live in vain:  
If I can ease one life the aching  
Or cool one pain,  
Or help one fainting robin  
Unto his nest again  
I shall not live in vain.

—Emily Dickinson.