

OBITUARY

Ruby Ethington, 92

Ruby Ethington, 92, State Center, passed away Tuesday, April 1, 2003 at the State Center Nursing & Rehab Center.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 4, at the State Center United Methodist Church with Pastor Elsa Lawry officiating. She was laid to rest in the Hillside Cemetery in State Center. The Wensel-Perrin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Born Aug. 8, 1910, near Melbourne, she was one of six children born to Joseph M. and Ora M. (Hutson) Ethington. She graduated from State Center High School with the Class of 1927 and then the University of Commerce in Des Moines. In 1923, Ruby was State Spelling Champion while in 8th grade. Ms. Ethington resided in

Des Moines from 1928 until returning to State Center in December 1979. In Des Moines, she was employed for 45 years as office manager at Northwest Mutual.

Ruby was a member of the State Center United Methodist Church, a 50-plus year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Des Moines Soroptomist Club, serving as past regional governor.

Left to mourn her loss are her sister-in-law Hilda Ethington of Columbia, Missouri; and numerous loving nieces and nephews as well as great - nieces and nephews.

In death she rejoins her parents, four brothers, and a sister: Alva, Lindsey, Arnold and James Ethington and Helen Lively.