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HAMILTON

Avis Elizabeth Waddell Hamilton, 88, died Dec. 31, 1999, due to a three year illness after a stroke, in Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Hamilton was born Oct. 9, 1911 to Dr. and Mrs. Jesse C. Waddell in Paton. She graduated from Paton High School in 1928, Shimer Private Academy in 1930 and the University of Iowa in 1932, where she majored in piano performance. On Oct. 14, 1933 she married William Wood Hamilton, son of William Corson and Pearl Atchison Hamilton, in Jefferson.

In 1944 the Hamiltons became charter members of the Tru-Value Hardware Corp. and established Hamilton Hardware, Inc. in Boone, which they operated until 1972. The Hamilton's retired to Bella Vista, Ark. in 1976, and Mrs. Hamilton moved to Dallas, Texas in 1991 after the death of her husband in 1989. Mrs. Hamilton was a member of the First United Methodist Church and she was always active in Boone community life.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert Bruce and Rosalie Hamilton of Boone, Richard Waddell and Susan Hamilton of Dallas, Texas and Dr. Stephen Jon Hamilton of New York City; four grandchildren, Bruce Hamilton of Boone and Bradley Hamilton of Anaheim, Calif., James Hamilton of Dallas and Korey Hamilton Burdett of Montgomery, Ala.; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be given to the music fund at First United Methodist Church in Boone.