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Mildred H. Heiring



Born: August 19, 1906

Died: September 01, 2004

Services will be held at: Following cremation at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory a private family burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery in Marshalltown. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 4, at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory with Pastor Ron Bryan officiating. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Iowa River Hospice or to the Mildred Heiring Memorial Fund in care of The Embers Retirement Community in Marshalltown.

Mildred was born August 19, 1906 in Gladbrook, Iowa the daughter of Fred and May (Stice) Crosier. Mildred grew up in Tama and received her education there. After

marriage to Bernard “Red” Heiring in 1932 the couple resided in Marshalltown. Mrs. Heiring worked in retailing in Marshalltown for 50 years, but it was her passion for making and collecting dolls that brought her to national attention. Her work was featured in several books, including *Passing Time and Traditions* and *Amazing America* and was the subject of numerous magazine and newspaper articles. In the 1940’s she collaborated with her father, Fred Stice of Montour, in creating carved and costumed figures from the turn of the century. Their collection grew to encompass 52 dioramas called “The Good Old Days” depicting rural and small town life. It was housed in The Doll Museum located first in Montour and later in LeGrand. It is now a featured exhibit at the Iowa Historical Society Museum in Des Moines, Iowa. A founder of the Kate Shelly Doll Club of Iowa and a charter member of its Central Iowa Chapter, Mrs. Heiring served frequently as judge at national doll conventions. In 1968, Mildred moved to LeGrand where she was active in the LeGrand Friends Church and helped organize the community Senior Citizen group. In 1988 she returned to Marshalltown to live in the Embers Retirement Community. Mildred was a member of both the LeGrand Friends Church and the First Methodist Church of Marshalltown and was active in the church circles and the Witenagemote Club. Mildred is survived by her son, George Heiring and his wife Donna of Eatonton, Georgia; three grandchildren, Paul Heiring, and his wife Jessie, and Steve Heiring and his wife Susan, all of Wayzata Minnesota, and Gayle Heiring and her husband Gary Eberhart of Mundelein, Illinois and her seven great grandchildren Drew Heiring, Ali Heiring, Stephanie Heiring, Cameron Heiring, Hannah Heiring, Harrison Heiring and Justine Eberhart. Mildred was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Arthur and her sister Wanda.