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## Mildred Hitchings

*Jan. 25, 1911, to Dec. 30, 1999*

Mildred Hitchings, 88, of the Sterling House, died early Thursday morning, Dec. 30, at her home.

She was born Jan. 25, 1911, on her family's homestead at Bentley, N.D., to John and Mabel (Mills) Chinn. Her family moved to the Marshalltown area when she was 9. She graduated from the Marshalltown High School in 1929 and then from Central Iowa Business College in 1930. She married Russell Hitchings on Aug. 17, 1937, at her parents' home near Marshalltown. They resided near Nevada, where she was employed with Donnelley Marketing and then moved southeast of Marshalltown, where they farmed for 45 years. She had been employed with Marshall County Farm Service and then at the Marshall County Clerk of Court office for seven years. She had been a past member of the LeGrand Friends Church, Hope United Methodist

Church, the Rock Valley Social Club and the Neighborhood Birthday Club.

Survivors include a son, Johnnie Hitchings of Marshalltown; two daughters, Jane (and Alvie) Smith of Marshalltown and Judy (and Arlan) Thorson of Ankeny; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a brother, Clifford Chinn of rural Marshalltown; and two sisters, Alice Hitchings of Nevada and Josephine Sipling of Britt.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 1989; a brother, Gilbert; and her grandson, Joel Smith.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ron Bryan of the LeGrand Friends Church officiating. Burial followed in Rose Hill Memorial Gardens.