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Obituaries for March 12, 2005

Ethel Martin, 93

NEW PROVIDENCE - Ethel (Mrs. Willard) Martin, 93, a long time resident of New Providence, died March 10, 2005, at the Hubbard Care Center.

Funeral services will be 2:30 p.m. Monday at Honey Creek New Providence Friends Church. Burial will follow services at the New Providence Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Biersborn Funeral Home in Union, where her family will be present to greet friends from 5 to 7 p.m. For further information or to send a condolence, please visit www.purseldavis.com.

Ethel is survived by sisters in law, Alice Rowley of Atlantic and Luanna Strickland of Odenton, Md.; brother in law Neil (Peggy) Martin of Marshalltown; 23 nieces and nephews; 45 great nieces and nephews; many great great nieces and nephews; and many longtime friends.

Memorial contributions may be directed in her name to the Alzheimer's Foundation or the Honey Creek New Providence Friends Church.



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OBITUARIES FROM PURSEL-DAVIS FUNERAL HOME MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA

(Source: http://www.funeralquestions.com/obits/pursel-davis/memorial_index.asp)

Mrs. Ethel Martin



Born: August 22, 1911

Died: March 10, 2005

Services will be held at: 2:30 P.M. on Monday, March 14, at the Honey-Creek New Providence Friends Church. Burial will follow services at the New Providence Cemetery. Visitation times are: 4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M., Sunday at the Biersborn Funeral Home in Union where her family will be present to greet friends from 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Memorial contributions may be directed in her name to the Alzheimer's Foundation, or the Honey-Creek New Providence Friends Church.

Ethel was born August 22, 1911 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada the daughter of Clarence and Mary (Rankin) Howland. She was raised and educated in Rolfe, Iowa, graduating from Des Moines Township School. She attended business school in Des Moines, Iowa,

later working at the J.S. Hagen Agency in Des Moines. On February 18, 1953 she was united in marriage with Willard Martin. They farmed in and around the New Providence area their entire married life. Ethel was a member of the Honey Creek-New Providence Friends Church. As a young woman, she enjoyed dancing which is how she and Willard met. She was an avid bowler, winning many trophies and patches. She spent many hours playing cards with family and friends. A lover of all animals, her greatest love and enjoyment came from the many cats that she mothered over the years. Ethel Martin is survived by sisters-in-law Alice Rowley of Atlantic and Luanna Strickland of Odenton, Maryland and brother-in-law Neil (Peggy) Martin of Marshalltown. She is further survived by twenty-three nieces and nephews, forty-five great nieces and nephews, many great-great nieces and nephews and many longtime friends. Auntie will be especially missed and lovingly remembered by Jerry, Ron, Bob, Linda and Pam and their families as well as her beloved cats, Boots and Missy. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Willard, her sister Isabel Jensen, her brothers: Albert Howland and Francis Howland; sisters-in-law Viola Howland, Marie Howland, Frances Martin and Marjorie Martin; brothers-in-law James Jensen, Gilbert Martin and Robert Strickland and a cousin, Marcella Yabsley, of La Crosse, Wisconsin Memorial contributions may be directed in her name to the Alzheimer's Foundation, or the Honey-Creek New Providence Friends Church.