

January 27, 2005

Levinah Ellen (Stewart) Morrow

March 30, 1910-Jan. 26, 2005

Levinah Ellen (Stewart) Morrow, 94, of Ames, died Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Northcrest Retirement Center in Ames.



A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, in the Green Room at Northcrest Retirement Center, with her son, the Rev. David Morrow, officiating. A light luncheon will follow the service.

Levinah was born March 30, 1910, in New Castle, Pa., the daughter of Sylvester and Olive Badger Stewart. Both of her parents died when she was six years old, and she always remembered the kindness of people such as Bertha Davis, Levinah Weinshank, her mother's best friend, and the Horner family, all of whom assisted in raising her. Meeting her future husband, Seth Cook Morrow, when she went to seventh grade in Wampum, Pa., the couple married in 1938. Levinah and Seth served six Presbyterian churches during their lengthy ministry: Gettysburg, Pa., Pottsville, Pa., Cumberland, Md., Orange, N.J., Lansing, Mich., and Delray Beach, Fla. Seth died on Dec. 9, 1993, in Delray Beach, Fla., and Levinah came to Ames four years ago to be near her daughter, Elizabeth Morrow Mayfield (John).

Levinah attended Slippery Rock State Teachers' College in Slippery Rock, Pa., and taught nature study, reading and health in New Castle, Pa., prior to her marriage on June 7, 1938. She later attended Bloomfield State College in Bloomfield, N.J., and left one course short of a bachelor's degree in education. She had a lifelong love of people and caring about others was her vocation and her avocation.

She is survived by one son, David (Janet) Morrow of South Bend, Ind.; one daughter; four grandchildren, Chris Morrow of Lansing, Mich., Brian Morrow of Chicago, Katherine Mayfield (James Tupper) of Los Angeles and Margaret Mayfield (Ethan Scott) of San Francisco; and one niece, Cindy Dickson of Pittsburgh.

She was preceded in death by her parents and parents-in-law, Elizabeth Cook and Charles B. Morrow of Wampum, Pa.; one sister, Eleanor Birt of Pittsburgh; one brother, Claire David Stewart of New Castle, Pa.; and one niece, Eleanor Birt Dickson of Pittsburgh.

She will be buried alongside her husband in the Chautauqua Cemetery in Chautauqua, N.Y., where the Morrow family maintains a summer cottage at Chautauqua Institution. Four generations of family gatherings at Chautauqua have made this lovely location a permanent family home and Levinah left us eager to return to a place she considered her corner of the world.

A memorial fund will be established in her name, but in a tradition initiated by another "Northcrester" who died recently and her own people orientation, she would appreciate knowing that her friends and acquaintances honored her by doing something special for a loved one of choice.

Stevens Memorial Chapel of Ames is assisting the family with arrangements.

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