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Evelynn R. Dillin

Evelynn R. Dillin, 96, longtime Story County resident, died March 19th at Garner, IA.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, June 18 at 2 pm. at United Presbyterian Church, McCallsburg, IA.

Born Aug. 12, 1908 at Danville, IL. to Edyth and Ira Rotruck, she was raised by her mother and step-father, Charles (Papa) Wright. She had three brothers: Henry, Stacy and Charles Wright; and two sisters, Dorothea and Mary Wright.

She married James Ralph Dillin in 1931 and moved from Indiana to Nevada where they lived for 28 years, then retiring to their farm near McCallsburg for 18 years. While in Nevada, they owned and operated a hardware store. After J.R.'s death she moved to Longview, WA. and then to Hot Springs, AR. But, she missed her beloved Iowa and had made her home at Concord Care Center in Garner in recent years. An accomplished organist and pianist, she played for both Nevada and McCallsburg Presbyterian churches, and also gave piano lessons. During World War II, she worked at the Ankeny Defense Plant and the Ration Board in Nevada. She worked a variety of jobs at the Nevada Evening Journal for 18 years and volunteered at the Garland County Library, Hot Springs, for several years. She was a Royal Neighbor and Soroptimist. She loved traveling, music, reading, sewing, crosswords, TV quiz shows and the Lawrence Welk Show. She was bi-lingual and gave Spanish lessons while living in Washington. She was predeceased by her husband, J.R.; son, James Otho (Jim) Dillin and a host of other relatives. Survivors include: her daughter and son-in-law, Jacqueline and David Stuelke, Hot Springs AR; grandsons:

Stacy and Kate Wood, Salt Lake City, Utah; Dr. Scott B. and Kris Wood, Garner; Rev. Dwight and Beth Dillin, Gainesville, GA.; grand daughters, Faith Wood, Iowa City; Danielle Dillin Free, Gainesville, GA; daughter-in-law, Donna Dillin, Kelso, WA.; sister-in-law, Kate Wright, Covington, IN.; sister, Dorothea Russo, IN.; step daughter, Martha Upchurch, OK.; step grandchildren Mrs. Ron (Sandy) Otto, Nevada, and Steve Stahlman, GA.; Bill, Bob and Jim Rice and spouses, all of WA.; Mrs. Gary (Linda) Bucholtz, Idaho; many great and great, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

Cremation was by Cataldo Funeral Home, Garner.