

Alitha Orth Steward

November 21, 2001

July 14, 1902, to Nov. 12, 2001

Alitha Orth Steward, 99, of Boone, died at the Eastern Star Masonic Home in Boone on Monday afternoon, Nov. 12, from congestive heart failure. She had been a resident of the Eastern Star Masonic Home July 14, 1902, to Nov. 12, 2001since September 1980.

She was born July 14, 1902, in Molan, S.D., to Peter and Elisabeth (Handel) Orth. She grew up in Menno, S.D., and moved to Iowa after her marriage to Lloyd E. Steward on March 22, 1933, in Council Bluffs. She was a farm wife. She was a member of the Evangelical Free Church in Boone, Art Club in Ames, a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star Laura Chapter of Ames and she served on the election board for Story County for a number of years. She delivered mail to the residents of the Eastern Star Masonic Home for many years, and enjoyed knitting and crocheting.

Survivors include two daughters, Donna Rae Jacobs of Story City and Arlene (and Gerald) Hertz of Urbandale; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd in April of 1975, two sisters and a brother.

Services were held Friday, Nov. 16, at the Eastern Star Masonic Home Chapel in Boone with Pastor Jim Louk officiating. Interment was in the Linwood Park Cemetery in Boone. Stark-Welin Funeral Directors, Boone, handled arrangements.