

Mildred Schaffert, 87

AVOCA - Mildred Leola Schaffert was born near Henderson in Mills County, Feb. 19, 1902. She was the daughter of John Elmer and Marian Bertha DeBolt Sowers. She was one of three children in the family. She attended school in Henderson. After graduating from high school she attended Grinnell College in Grinnell. Upon her graduation from college she began teaching at Carson.

She married Glen Schaffert on July 19, 1930. She was a dedicated teacher and a highly respected musician in southwest Iowa, she touched the lives of hundreds of students in her 45 years of teaching. She was active in community affairs. She was a past matron and a 50-year member of the Eastern Star and belonged to the Past Matrons Club, Avoca business and Professional Women, the Avoca Garden Club; She was the organist at the Congregational Church and the United Church of Avoca and for many years was the accompanist for the men's choir. They were the parents of three daughters. Glen died on March 7, 1947. In July of 1989 she moved to the Exira Care Center in Exira.

She died Nov. 13, 1989 at the Cass County Memorial Hospital in Atlantic at age 87 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Glen and one brother, Ward Sowers. Survivors are her daughters, Ann Miller of Portland, OR.; Jane (Phylip) Wolf of Exira and Susan Braun of Hudson, WI.; six grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; eight step-great grandchildren; one brother, Glen Sowers of Henderson; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 16, 1989 at United Church of Avoca with Dr. Robert Houser, officiating. Casketbearers were Fred Sowers, Donald Sowers, Milton Hansen, Bryan Sowers, Carroll Sowers and William True. Burial was in the Graceland cemetery in Avoca with Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.