

MILLER, RUTH FLORENCE

Birth

August 13, 1906 near Cumming,
Linn Twp., Warren Co., Iowa

Death

February 16, 2005 at Iowa Lutheran
Hospital, Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa

Cause of Death

Probably a hernia causing a bowel
blockage but was listed as natural
causes.

Cemetery Lot

Buried on South ½ Lot 155
Lot was bought by George W. Miller in March of 1958

Maiden Name

Anderson

Father

John Anderson

Mother

Mary Florence Tate

Marriage

Ruth Florence Anderson to George William Miller on December 7, 1927 at Adel, Dallas Co., Iowa.

Return of Marriage to the Clerk of District Court
Dallas Co., Iowa

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George & Ruth Wedding

George W. Miller
 Residence: Route #6, Des Moines, Iowa
 Occupation: Farmer
 Age next birthday: 25
 Place of birth: Garnett, Kansas
 1st marriage
 Father: Henry J. Miller
 Mother: Minnie Gertrude Hofer

Married
 December 7, 1927
 Adel, Iowa

Ruth Anderson
 Residence: Route #6, Des Moines, Iowa
 Age next birthday: 22
 Place of birth: Cumming, Iowa
 1st marriage
 Father: John Anderson
 Mother: Florence Tate
 Witnesses: Mabel Ashdown and Gilbert Ashdown
 Minister: W. G. Warren, Minister of Methodist Church

Census

1910 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED212; Page 10A; April 30, 1910
 Dwelling 132; Family 133

Anderson, John	54	farmer	NY	SCOT	CAN
		Married 18 years			
Mary F.	45	3 children, 3 living	IA	VA	IN
Walter S.	17	farm labor at home	IA	NY	IA
John R.	11	farm labor at home	IA	NY	IA
Florence	03		IA	NY	IA

1915 –

1920 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED 218; Page 9A; January 22, 1920
 Dwelling 221; Family 223

Anderson, John	64	farmer	NY	SCOT	SCOT
Mary F.	55		IA	VA	IN
Walter S.	26	farm labor	IA	NY	IA
John R.	21		IA	NY	IA
Ruth F.	13		IA	NY	IA

1925 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; Book 80

Anderson, Mary F.	60		IA		
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		Father, Ben Tate, born in VA	
		Mother, _____ Beeson, born in IN	
	The census didn't give	the mother's first name but it was Mariah Louisa	
Walter	32		IA
		Father, John Anderson, born in NY	
		Mother, Mary F. Tate, born in IA	
John	26		IA
		Father, John Anderson, born in NY	
		Mother, Mary F. Tate, born in IA	
Ruth	15		IA
		Father, John Anderson, born in NY	
		Mother, Mary F. Tate, born in IA	

1930 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED 77-95; Page 2B; April 11, 1930
 Dwelling 39; Family 39

Miller, George W.	26	farmer	KS	IA	IA
Ruth F.	23		IA	NY	IA

1940 – Jefferson Twp., Warren Co., IA; ED91-12; Page 10B; May 13-14-15, 1940
 #203; rent farm; value of home \$8; Rural Polk Co., in 1935
 Line 60

Miller, George W.	36	farmer	KS
Ruth F.	33		IA
Ruth L.	09		IA

Funeral Home

Hamilton's Southtown Funeral Home

Obituary

[The Des Moines Sunday Register, Sunday, February 20, 2005, page 7B]

Ruth F. Miller died on Wednesday, February 16, 2005 at the Iowa Lutheran Hospital from natural causes. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Southtown Funeral Home with burial following at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Orilla.

Ruth was born August 13, 1906 in Cumming the daughter of John and Mary Tate Anderson. She and her husband George farmed in the Martendsale and St. Marys area and later in the Cumming area. She was a member of the St. Marys Community Club and enjoyed gardening and taking care of her flowers.

Ruth is survived by her daughter, Ruth "Dolly" Flinn of Cumming; her grandsons, Don and Ron both of Cumming, her great grandchildren; Kerry Flinn, Katie Weldon, Sharon Flinn, Wade Flinn and Will Flinn. She was preceded in death by her husband George in 1983.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Southtown Funeral Home where the family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m.

From the Memorial Card

In Her Loving Memory

Ruth F. Miller

Born: August 13, 1906, Cumming, Iowa

Died: February 16, 2005, Des Moines, Iowa

Funeral Service

Southtown Funeral Home Chapel

11:00 A.M., Monday, February 21, 2005

Des Moines, Iowa

Officiating: Pastor Craig Slaughter

Norwalk Baptist Church

Musical Selections

"Shall We Gather At The River"

"Sweet By and By"

Pallbearers

Don Flinn, Ron Flinn, Kerry Flinn, Katie Weldon,

Sharon Flinn, Wade Flinn, Will Flinn

Interment

Pleasant Ridge Cemetery

Orilla, Iowa

Verse

SONG OF PROMISE

In the bulb there is a flower;

In the seed, an apple tree;

In cocoons, a hidden promise;

Butterflies will soon be free!

In the cold and snow of winter

There's a spring that waits to be,

Unrevealed until its season,

Something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,

Seeking word and melody;

There's a dawn in every darkness,

Bringing hope to you and me.

From the past will come the future;

What it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.
In our end is our beginning;
In our time, infinity;
In our doubt, there is believing;
In our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
At the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

MY MOTHER'S GARDEN

Her heart is like her garden,
Old-fashioned, quaint and sweet,
With here a wealth of blossoms,
And there a still retreat.
Sweet violets are hiding,
We know as we pass by,
And lilies, pure as angel thoughts,
Are opening somewhere nigh.
Forget-me-nots there linger,
To fill perfection brought,
And there bloom purple pansies
In many a tender thought.
There love's own roses blossom,
As from enchanted ground,
And lavish perfume exquisite
The whole glad year around.
And in that quiet garden-
The garden of her heart-
Songbirds are always singing
Their songs of cheer apart.
And from it floats forever,
O'ercoming sin and strife,
Sweet as the breath of roses blown,
The fragrance of her life.

History of Warren Co., Iowa – 1987; Page 796

Florence Ruth Anderson was born August 13, 1906 near Cumming in Linn Twp. She was the third of three children and the only girl. She spent a happy childhood with a mother who was ever patient and never cross.

She was as free as it was possible to be, outside most of the time unless, after she was old enough, she could be found with her face in a book or magazine. There was never time to play

with dolls as she would rather climb a tree, which she did. She fell and was caught by the hem of her dress on a limb. She and a friend used to tease her brother John. To get rid of them for a while he locked them in the chicken house. Was he ever surprised when in a short while they were back tormenting again. Ruth had laid down on her tummy and wiggled out the little square hole that the chickens went in and out of and then opened the big door so that her friend could get out. Another one of their adventures took them to the top of the silo. Her mother was very upset when she discovered where they were. Needless to say they came right down.

She was six years old before starting to school at Cumming. When the eighth grade was finished, she attended high school at Norwalk. The two schools were not consolidated at that time. She walked to the corner half mile east and caught the Norwalk school bus. The bus was a top heavy covered wagon that was pulled with a team of horses. The wagon had no heat, of course, and some of the littlest children got extremely cold before arriving at school.

After she graduated from high school in 1923 she attended Des Moines University for two years where she studied to be a primary teacher. She dropped out in January of her second year and went back to finish that fall so she graduated mid-term.

In December of 1925 she met George Miller and before long marriage was in the picture so she never taught school. She and George were married December 7, 1927.

They moved onto a farm near Runnells March 1, 1928. From there they moved to a farm on Pine Avenue and spent the next three years there. While they were on Pine Avenue their daughter Ruth Lois was born. This was on December 23, 1930.

They then moved to one of the Hubbell Farms on Coon River bottom. They stayed there for four years. During their stay there a baby boy was born on November 15, 1933. He died at birth.

In March of 1936 they moved to a farm at Martensdale in Warren County. They remained there for eight years. In 1944 they bought a farm at St. Marys and stayed there until 1959. At that time they came back to the Cumming area. They came back to Cumming to help Ruth's brother Walter with the farm work after her brother John was shot.

There was an open house at St. John's Hall in Cumming in honor of their 50th anniversary in December of 1977. There were many friends and relatives there.

After they retired they went on bus tours managed by Jefferson bus lines. They had eleven tours and covered most of the United States plus a good bit of Canada. They also joined the Mary Frances Boyd tour for a trip to Hawaii.

After the death of her husband George, she has continued to live in the house that she and George shared in later years. She keeps busy growing her large garden and mowing her big yard. She also loves to take care of her many flowers that she keeps in the house and also the many that she has outside in the summer. She enjoys feeding birds all year and gets a great deal of pleasure watching them. - by Ruth Miller