



In loving memory of
Muriel Ester Childs

Born

Thursday, April 5, 1906
Humboldt, Iowa

Died

Wednesday, June 6, 2001
Waterloo, Iowa

Celebration Of Life Services

Tuesday, June 12, 2001 at 3:00 pm
at Rose Hill Cemetery in Shenandoah, Iowa

***Officiant*.....Father Paddy Stanley**

***Burial*.....Rose Hill Cemetery in Shenandoah, Iowa**

Mrs. Muriel E. Childs, 95, of Waverly, Iowa, and formerly of Shenandoah, Iowa, died Wednesday morning, June 6, 2001, at Karrington Cottages in Waterloo from natural causes.

Muriel E. Preble was born on April 5, 1906, the daughter of Edgar Courtney Preble and Juliana Martine (Christiansen) Preble. Muriel was graduated from the Humboldt High School, Humboldt, Iowa, in 1923, and then attended Shimer College in Illinois studying English for the next two years. She earned her BA in English from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and then began her teaching career in Illinois and Wisconsin. On September 5, 1938, Muriel was united in marriage to Ralph Childs in Rock Island, Illinois. The couple moved to Shenandoah, Iowa, and in 1957 they opened The Record Room record store which they owned and operated together. During this time, Muriel also edited and submitted articles to the Kitchen Klatter, a magazine published in Shenandoah. Ralph died in 1975, and in 1980 Muriel sold the business. In January of 1996, she moved to the Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community, Waverly, to live closer to her daughter and family during ill health. In August of last year she moved to her apartment at Karrington Cottages in Waterloo.

Muriel was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Shenandoah. She was an avid reader and had a great passion for the English language.

Muriel is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Sue & Fred Hagemann of Waverly; three sons and daughters-in-law, Steve & Joanne Childs of Omaha, Nebraska, David & Pat Childs of Omaha, Nebraska, Mike & Nancy Childs of Harlan, Iowa; and by seven grandchildren, Kim Hennen, Bill Childs, Randy Childs, Cody Childs, Eric Childs, Steve Childs, and Claire Hagemann. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ralph; three brothers, Walter, Paul, Fred; and two sisters, Ruth & Helen.

Memorials may be directed to the Shenandoah Public Library, the Cedar Valley Hospice, to the Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community in Waverly, or to Karrington Cottages in Waterloo.

EPITAPH

By Thomas Huxley

*And if there be no meeting past
the grave,
If all is silence, darkness, yet 'tis
rest.
Be not afraid, ye waiting hearts that
weep,
For God still giveth His beloved
sleep;
And if an endless sleep He wills,
So best.*



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