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Muree Geiger, 88

Aug. 6, 1913 - June 29, 2002

MINDEN - Anna Muree Geiger was born Aug. 6, 1913, near Minden, to William and Anna Trede Bestmann. A graduate of Shelby High School, she received a nursing degree from Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs and was a private duty nurse until she was chosen to be one of the first nurse-stewardesses for Union Pacific Railroad, traveling from Omaha to Los Angeles and San Francisco and back on the Challenger.

Aug. 21, 1940, she married Howard T. Geiger at the Little Brown Church in the Vale in Nashua. Muree was very active in her church, involved in the local Republican Party and the Cancer Board. She was also a volunteer at Jennie Edmundson Hospital and attended the annual nurse's reunion. For many years the Geiger home was host to the piano students of Mrs. Ruth Potter of Harlan. She died June 29, 2002, at the Episcopal Church Home in Louisville, KY.

Her husband, Howard, who died in 1978, preceded her in death. She is survived by her son, Victor Geiger (Nancy) of Prospect, KY; two granddaughters, Kristin Geiger of San Francisco, CA and Sara Geiger of Los Angeles, CA; her sister, Marceda Petersen of Minden; her brother, William Bestmann (Gerry) of Marshalltown; and by four nieces and one nephew.

Funeral services were held July 3, 2002, at the United Church of Christ in Minden with Pastor Denny Peterson and Rev. Dr. James H. Mennerick officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery. Casket bearers were Kathleen Petersen Coffin, Shelley Bestmann McCarthy, Patricia Petersen Schroeder, Rinda Bestmann Madden, Brian McCarthy and Steve Schroeder. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.