

Edna Pike, 101

Aug. 10, 1908 - Dec. 29, 2009

SHELBY — Edna Pike passed away on December 29, 2009 at the age of 101. Edna Marjorie Eckel May Pike was born August 10, 1908, in Pottawattamie County, to Richard Eckel and Mary Elma (Smith) Eckel. She attended country school in Pottawattamie County and graduated from Shelby Consolidated School in 1925. Edna attended Coe College in Cedar Rapids, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1930. She went on to teach in Shelby at the elementary and high school levels until her retirement in 1979. Several generations of students were privileged to have Mrs. Pike as their teacher.

Edna married Richard M. May on March 25, 1935. They had one daughter, Mary Lee (May) Barnett. Richard passed away in 1953. In 1956, Edna married Jesse Pike and they were married for fifty years until Jesse's death in 2006.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her siblings Clyde Eckel, Thornton Eckel, Florence (Eckel) Walters, and Stanley Eckel; and her husbands, Richard May and Jesse Pike. Edna is survived by her daughter, Mary Lee Barnett of Des Moines; her grandchildren Ross Barnett and Darby Taylor of Des Moines; her sister, Helen (Eckel) McKnabb of Shelby; her brother, Dwight Eckel of Tampa, FL; and many nieces and nephews.

A private burial was held. A public memorial service was held Saturday, January 23, 2010, at 1:00 P.M. No flowers, please. Memorial donations should be directed to the Grandparents Gifts Foundation (Dave Robinson - Treasurer) for the preservation of the historic Shelby-Tennant school building at www.grandparentsgiftsfoundation.org.



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