

Edith L. Youmans



Edith Youmans with daughter Kathy and son-in-law Brian Driscoll on the day they also became Associates.

Edith L. Youmans, age 98, of Clinton, died Friday, June 3, 2011 at the Alverno Health Care Facility.

Edith was born in Truro, Iowa on January 12, 1913, the daughter of Frank and Emma (Klein) McClelland. She graduated from Murray High School in 1930. Edith married Veral E. Youmans on June 4, 1930 in Council Bluffs. Veral died in 1983.

A long-time friend of Sister Colette Kelly, one of the first directors of the Clinton Franciscan Associate program, Edith became a Clinton Franciscan Associate in 1987.

She had worked in a dry cleaning plant in Omaha and later operated a restaurant in Macksburg, Iowa. Upon coming to Clinton, Edith worked at the Clinton Garment Factory, Swift & Company, Warren's and later as a cook at the Alverno. She also did babysitting and elder care.

Edith was a friend of the Lyon's United Methodist Church and a member of Methodist Federation for Social Action. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family, reading and playing with her grandchildren, singing, reciting poetry and nursery rhymes, gardening, cooking, baking, fishing and boating on the river.



Edith, Kathy, Brian and other Clinton Associates with Sister Colette (lower left).

Edith is survived by two daughters, Carolyn McDanel (her husband Clair McDanel) of Clinton and Kathy Youmans Driscoll (her husband Brian Driscoll) of Camanche; 9 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; 18 great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Billy in 1995; a great-great granddaughter, Angelique Wright; son-in-law, Orian McDaniel; four sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, June 9, at the Lyon's United Methodist Church. Visitation was from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at the church and from 10:00 a.m. until the service time Thursday, also at the church. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Camanche.

Casket bearers were Brian Driscoll, Randy McDaniel, Steve and Mark Youmans, Michael and Adam Wirth, Reese Petersen and Chad McDaniel. Honorary casket bearers will be Rick McDaniel, Clair McDanel, Dan, Bill and David Wright, Levi Rathje, Matt Youmans, Jason Millet, Jacob and Ben Youmans and Easton McDaniel



Sister Colette (left) and Edith joined Associates in caroling at The Alverno when they both lived there.



Edith celebrated her 90th birthday while living at The Alverno – She and Sister Colette, who was living there also, shared the same birthday and the party!