

Lillian Boot



Lillian M. Boot, age 95, of Altoona, passed away Saturday, November 6, 2010 at Oakwood Villa.

Lillian was born on October 16, 1915 to Bert and Florence (nee Morris) Ashby while her father was in the Calvary and was stationed in the Philippine Islands. They returned to the U.S. where Lillian attended Oakhall Girl's School and in 1934, she enrolled at the University of Minnesota. She married Malcom Thomson and lived in The Dalles, OR before moving to Missoula, MT where she worked with the Campfire Girls organization for many years. Later, she divorced and moved to Eau Claire and went back to school. She worked for many years at the Co-Op Shopping Center and as a secretary for Ray Thiesen. Lillian then married Howard G. Boot. After his death in 1969, she returned to work at the Vocational Technical College switchboard until her retirement.

Survivors include her daughters, Constance (nee Thomson) Best-Ashby and Janice (James) Tollefson both of Eau Claire, WI and Mary (Thom) Ciske of Hortonville, WI; grandchildren, Cynthia (Mike) Maloney, Craig Best, Todd (Tina) Bann, Nicole Bann, Andrew Ciske and Mary Beth (Derek) Sanford; great-grandchildren, Amanda Arnold, Steven Maloney, Jeremy Maloney, Brandon Vizer, Samantha and Bryson Bann, and Benjamin and Avery Sanford.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her step-father, Frederick Gaertchen; her husbands; her daughter, Sandra Lee Thomson; and a granddaughter, Cheryl (nee Best) Arnold.

Memorial Services will be held on Wednesday, November 10, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. at Plombon's All Faiths Funeral & Cremation Service, 1405 N. Clairemont Ave., Eau Claire. Interment will be held in Rest Havens Gardens Cemetery.

Friends may call on Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.