



Adeline Green

December 6, 1911 - March 4, 2011

Adeline Green, age 99, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Friday, March 4, 2011 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake. The former Adeline Marie Jensen was born December 6, 1911 near Harlan, Iowa, the daughter of Martin H. Jensen and Elsa Mae Faurschou Jensen. She graduated from Audubon, Iowa High School in 1928. She attended the Conn School of Music in Omaha, Nebraska, the University Of Nebraska Conservatory Of Music in Lincoln and The Martin Irwin School of Theater in Winnipeg, Canada. She later studied at the Fine Arts Institute in San Miguel, Mexico and the University of Copenhagen in Denmark, plus private organ and clarinet lessons from special teachers. On February 18, 1931, she married Will Burk Green of Stratford, Texas and later of Lincoln, Nebraska. They were married for 46 years. He passed away in June of 1977. A daughter, Patricia Ann passed away in 1962 at the age of nine. For many years, Adeline worked as a professional musician. She joined the Omaha Musicians Union at the age of 16. She played in the Omaha Little Symphony and played saxophone and clarinet with concert bands in Omaha and Lincoln. At that time she was the only woman in those groups. She also studied voice and played piano for Dr. Walter Graham's Voice Studios and was a member of the Omaha Opera Company. She was a saxophone soloist and clarinetist with the Antelope Park Concert Band in Lincoln for many years. She also played in some of the Big Bands in the area. She traveled with the famous London violinist, Margaret Austin, on Lyceum and Chautauqua tours in Canada. She worked as soloist,

reader and business player with the Royal Canadians. She was a member and Past Matron of the Eastern Star of Storm Lake, charter member and past president of Church Women United, member and past president of Faculty Dames, Buena Vista College, a member of P.E.O. chapter JD, and was pianist for the 1968 P.E.O. state convention held in Storm Lake. She was the organist for twenty years at the First Baptist Church as well as being a deacon and officer of the church. She was a charter member, officer and board member of the American Scandinavian Foundation. She was a member of the Storm Lake Municipal Band, as well as the Karl King Municipal Band of Fort Dodge, Iowa. She traveled and played with Buena Vista College concert bands for 14 years. Mrs. Green traveled widely all over the world and enjoyed working with people from many nations. In 1973 when the American Bandmasters were guests of the United States Service Bands in Washington D.C., she was a guest of Mrs. Nixon for a tea at the White House. In 1974 she attended the Hands Across the Sea meeting with the American Bandmasters as a guest of the Japanese government and bandmasters in Hawaii. In 1976 she was a part of the musical groups that traveled with Governor Ray to represent the state of Iowa in Washington D.C. for the Bi-Centennial celebrations, playing six concerts with the Karl King Band of which her husband, Dr. Will Green was the director. Two of these concerts were in the Kennedy Center. She is survived by daughter, Marilyn Sue (Twink) Vatter and her husband Eugene of Oskaloosa, Iowa; granddaughter, Melissa Ann Vatter-Miller and her husband Daniel of Mitchell, South Dakota; two grandchildren, Andreau Joseph Miller and Madison Ainsley Miller of Mitchell, South Dakota; a sister, Jean Group and her husband Maurice of Louisville, Nebraska; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Dr. Will B. Green; daughter, Patricia Ann; and brother, Jack Jensen.