Ida Mae Rainwater Bulgin

Ida Mae Rainwater Bulgin of Columbia died Thursday, July 15, 1999, at Boone Hospital Center. She was 98.

Mrs. Bulgin was born June 2, 1901 in Logan County, Ill., to Enoch John and Mary Ann Foote Rainwater. She graduated from nurses training in 1924 from the Methodist Hospital of Southern California in Los Angeles. She also earned a BS in rural public welfare from University of Missouri-Columbia in 1931.

After earning her degrees, she worked as a Trachoma nurse in southern Missouri until 1935. On May 26, 1935, she married Lawrence Gould Bulgin in Pittsfield, Ill.

Together, the Bulgins ran a family business. From 1935 until his death in 1945, Mrs. Bulgin operated a barrel stave business, providing supplies for the production of liquor.

In 1959, she returned to nursing at the University of Missouri Health Sciences Center and the Student Health Center. She retired in 1971.

Visitation will be at 9:30 a.m. today at Memorial Funeral Home, 1217 Business Loop 70 W. Services will follow at 11 a.m. and will be conducted by the Revs. Gary Denbow and Mark Putnam. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. at Lebanon Cemetery, in Lebanon.

Mrs. Bulgin is survived by two sons, Edward Gould Bulgin of Nampa, Idaho, and Lawrence Elwood Bulgin of Columbia; one stepson, Randolph McGuire Bulgin of Greensboro, N.C.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Her husband, one son, Richard Gould Bulgin, three brothers and one sister died earlier.

Memorials may be sent to the Boone Hospital Center Palliative Care Program or the charity or church of choice c/o Memorial Funeral Home, 1217 Business Loop 70 W., Columbia, Mo., 65202.