

## **YOLANDA L. RICHARDS**

**February 14, 1905 - June 24, 2003**

Yolanda L. Richards, age 98 of Monticello died Tuesday, June 24, 2003 at her home. Yolanda was born February 14, 1905 in Mount Pleasant Township, Green County, the daughter of Jacob P. and Lydia (Jenny) Elmer. She attended Babler Rural School, graduated from Monticello High School in 1922, and was a 1923 graduate of Green County Normal School. She taught at Dutch Hollow School for two years and moved to Madison where she worked as a bookkeeper for the Capital City Bank from 1925 until 1928.

Yolanda has been a Monticello resident since her marriage to Roswell Richards, the son of S. Earl and Ida Zwickey Richards, on August 2, 1928.

She worked as the Monticello Post Master for three years following her husband's death on September 21, 1946. Mrs. Richards worked at the Bank of Monticello from 1951 until her retirement in 1972. She was a member of the Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello, and the Monticello Area Historical Society.

Survivors include two daughters, Ronda K. (Robert Ley) Richards of Verona, and Rosanda Richards – Ellsworth of Edwardsville, IL.; two step-grandchildren. Laura Ellsworth and Rob (Kim) Ellsworth; nieces, nephews, and generations of dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; an infant son, Roswell Richards; two brothers. Harvey and Hollis Elmer; a sister, Lela Lemon; and a son-in-law, John W. Ellsworth.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 28, 2003, at the Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello. Rev. Lawrence Balleine officiated. Interment was in Highland Cemetery, Monticello.

