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Viola Adkins



Viola Adkins of Mayflower, formerly of Searsboro, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003, in Mayflower Health Care Center.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Feb. 5, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Kerry Lake, pastor of Union Mills Christian Church, officiating. Pianist was Barbara Chitwood and vocal music was by Vernon Rainwater. Casket bearers were Mark, Mike and Toby Adkins, Gary Beyers, Kurt Elliott and Daryl Moffitt. Honorary bearers were Tim Adkins, Greg, Floyd, Robert and Sheldon Lewis and Chris, David and Steve Moffitt. Burial was in West Liberty Cemetery near Searsboro. Memorials may be made to Mayflower Health Center or Grinnell Regional Hospice.

She was born May 7, 1903, to James and Luella Adams Stewart on the family farm in rural Jasper County. She attended rural school in the Bethel area and graduated from Grinnell High school with the class of 1922. She then received normal training in Cedar Falls.

On May 12, 1923, she was married in Eldora to Granville LeRoy Adkins. They lived in Grinnell where she was a homemaker and Mr. Adkins operated the Deep Rock Service Station. They later farmed near Newburg and Rock Creek before moving to Searsboro to farm in 1940. She moved to Grinnell in 1991 and has resided at Mayflower since 1996.

She was a member of the Searsboro Friends Church and the Rebekah Lodge, and enjoyed gardening, cooking and crocheting.

She is survived by two daughters, Geraldine Beyer of Grinnell and Marilyn Elliott of Winter Springs, Fla.; five sons, Charles Adkins, Grinnell, Donald Adkins, Darlington, Mo., Russell Adkins of Searsboro, Richard of Green Forrest, Ark., and Bruce Adkins of Cedar Falls; 29 grandchildren; 56 great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; three daughters, Jeanne Lewis, Jane Moffitt and Betty Lou Adkins; one grandson, one granddaughter, one great grandson; four brothers, Loren, Ben, George and Paul Stewart; and three sisters, Gertie Griffith, Bessie Shope and Minnie Jay.

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