

Ruth E. Gillespie



Ruth E. Gillespie, formerly of Newburg, died Monday, July 1, at St. Francis Manor.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, July 5, at 10 a.m. at the Newburg-Chester Congregational Church with the Rev. Harlan Gillespie officiating. Organist will be Debra B. Gillespie. Pallbearers will be Jeff Allyn, Dale Altemeier, Max Clark, Bryan Davis, Jim Gillespie, Gary and Glen Keenan, Jack Larimer and Brian and Rick Wells. Interment will be in Hickory Grove Cemetery, rural Jasper County. Memorial contributions may be made to the Newburg Alumni Scholarship Fund and Grinnell Regional Medical Center. Visitation will be Thursday, July 3, at Smith Funeral Home with the family present from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The daughter of H.H. and Edith Sheppy McCulloch, she was born Sept. 11, 1911, at the family farm in Jasper County. She was raised in the Newburg area and was a 1931 graduate of Newburg High School. She was married to Chester Ithel Gillespie on Sept. 29, 1931, in Marshalltown and the couple made their home in Newburg. They moved to Ladora in 1944, then returned to Newburg in 1949. For many years she was a cook at the Newburg School, retiring in 1958. She also was a custodian at the Newburg-Chester Congregational Church for many years. She was a member of the Newburg Women's Fellowship, Hickory Grove Ladies Aid and Hickory Grove Cemetery Association. She attended the Newburg-Chester Congregational Church and was on the board of the Jasper County Historical Society.

Survivors include one son Howard of Iowa Falls; three daughters, Marilyn Keenan of Newburg, Eleanor Osland of Grinnell and Carolyn Risch of Newburg; 15 grandchildren; 36 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two great grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters.

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