

Jean Barr

Jean Barr, 86, of Grinnell died Monday, April 21, 2003, at St. Francis Manor.

A funeral service for Mrs. Barr will be held Friday, April 25, at 2 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Len Eberhart, pastor of Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Pallbearers will be Carroll, Dale and Jim Barr, Kevin Fox, Richard Machin and Gary VerSteegh. Burial will be in Prairie View Cemetery in Gilman. Memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church.

The daughter of Edwin and Myrtle Swearingen Hammer, she was born Dec. 5, 1916, near Newton. She was raised in Jasper County and graduated from Newton High School, following which she taught in a rural Jasper County school.

She was married on April 18, 1942 to John L. Barr in Jefferson City, Mo. They farmed near Newburg, Kellogg and Newton, later owning and operating a grain and hog farm near Grinnell. They moved to Grinnell in 1995. She had been a resident of St. Francis Manor since 1997. She was a member of the United Methodist Church and had been active in 4-H.

She is survived by two daughters Joy Weeks of and Nancy Barry, Cold Springs, N. Y.; one granddaughter, Katie Cook of St. Louis, Mo., and one sister, Nita Hammer of Newton. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one daughter, Sandra Barr and one sister Nina Machin.

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