

Ruby Loving, 102

Ruby (Malin) Loving, 102, of the New Sharon Nursing and Rehab Center, died Wednesday evening, Nov. 5, 2003, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center surrounded by family.

Her funeral service was Monday, Nov. 10, at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma with Mr. Marvin Freeborn of Barnes City officiating. Interment was at the Barnes City Cemetery.

Ruby was born Aug. 30, 1901, to Sherman and Viola Malin near Rose Hill, Iowa, in Tioga. She married George Loving on Feb. 27, 1920. They farmed south of Barnes City until 1958 when they moved into Barnes City and became active members of the Barnes City United Methodist Church. George died on July 4, 1962. Ruby was a member of many clubs over the years including Barracks, Lend A Hand, Over Easy and United Methodist Women. In 1960, Ruby began selling Avon products which she did for over 17 years. She also crocheted afghans and doilies and spent many hours making latch hook rugs.

She was preceded in death by her

husband, George Loving; son Warren Loving and his wife, Kathryn of Barnes City; daughter Jean Sherbon of California; daughter Ruth Fieseler of California; daughter Shirley Loving of Barnes City; sister Goldie Fry and her husband George of Barnes City; sister Sylvia Braden and her husband Walter of Barnes City and brother Ralph Malin and his wife Virgil of Oskaloosa.

Ruby is survived by grandson Bruce Loving and his wife, Mollie, and their children, Brian and Andrea of Barnes City; granddaughter Susan Loving of Iowa City; granddaughter Pat Sherbon and her son, Hal Foreman, of California; granddaughter Judy Maddox and her family of California; son-in-law John Sherbon of California; daughter-in-law Doris Loving and her family of Virginia; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-great-grandchildren and many friends.

Memorials in her name may be contributed to the Barnes City Volunteer Fire Department or the Barnes City American Legion Auxiliary.

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