

Mary F. Wagaman



Mary F. Wagaman, 85, of Grinnell and formerly of Lynnville, died Wednesday, Nov. 12, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services for Mary Wagaman were held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 17, at the Lynnville Friends Church, with Pastor Pete Schuler and Jeff Lee officiating. Organist was Bernice Smith and soloist was Bill Surbrug. Pallbearers were Mark Michael, Wendell Brown, Scott Davis, Kellie McGriff and Jessi Stubbs.

Burial was in Woodland Cemetery in Lynnville.

The daughter of Fred and Alverta Sparks Ratliff, she was born Aug. 16, 1918, in Lynnville. She was raised in that community and became a 1935 graduate of Lynnville High School.

After receiving her teaching certificate from Central College in Pella, she taught school for several years in Laurel, Eldora and later Grinnell.

She married Warner H. "Huck" Wagaman on Jan. 13, 1941, in Lancaster, Mo., and the couple made their home in Lynnville.

They moved to Mesa, Ariz., in 1983, and back to Grinnell in 2002.

She was a member of the Lynnville Friends Church and Lynnville Women's Club and was active in Girl Scouts and the Lynnville Centennial Committee.

Survivors include her husband; one daughter, Carol Davis of Parkland, Fla.; one grandson, Scott Davis of Ames; and two sisters, Nadine Ratliff of Monroe and Eylene Brush of Lynnville. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Dale Ratliff.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Lynnville Historical Society.

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