

Opal E. Wells, 84

M R Dec. 25, 2002

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Her funeral service was held Friday, December 20, 2002, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. John Epperson, pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Pianist was Mrs. Barbara Chitwood. Casket Bearers were Jim Agnew, Rodney Carlson, Marty Cummings, Brett Griffith, Joy and Tara Osland and Brent Wells. Burial was in the Pleasant Township Cemetery near Ewart.

Opal was born on July 17, 1918, on the family farm near Malcom, to Clifford and Lila Cummings Shaw. She was raised near Malcom and graduated from Malcom High School with the Class of 1935. Mrs. Wells received her teaching certificate from the former Iowa State Teacher's College in Cedar Falls and taught in rural schools near Malcom for

ten years.

On May 12, 1945, she was married to Clair Wells in Newton. The couple farmed near Malcom until 1959, when they moved to Grinnell. She was a homemaker and also worked at the former Community Hospital in Grinnell, the Maid-Rite and in the Forum of Grinnell College.

She was a member of the Grinnell Christian Church, the Thursday Club and the Farm Bureau.

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She is survived by two daughters Rhea Osland of Laurel and Rhonda Wells of Malcom and two granddaughters. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

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Dec. 19, 2002