Ruth Adkins, 91

Ruth Adkins, age 91, of Grinnell, died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2010, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, March 1, 2010, at the Grinnell United Methodist Church with the Rev. Len Eberhart, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Jon Keck, pastor of the Assembly of God Church of Industry, Ill. Organist will be Kathleen Heffner. Casket bearers will be Gene Adkins, Lee Adkins, Travis Adkins, Curt Funk, Eric Powell and Ryan Powell. Interment will be in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorials may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice or to the Grinnell United Methodist Church Window Fund.

Ruth was born on April 11, 1918, on the family farm near Brooklyn to Ernest and Frances Gaumer Breniman. She attended rural school and graduated from Brooklyn High School with the class of 1936.

On March 4, 1944, she was married to Delmar M. Adkins in Fort Monmouth, N.J. The couple operated a grain and livestock farm northeast of Grinnell and in 1960 they moved to her parents’ farm southeast of Brooklyn. They moved to Seeland Park in Grinnell in 1995.

Ruth was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church and the Poweshiek County 4-H. She served as a volunteer for Grinnell Regional Hospice and was presented an award of appreciation for her labor of love and dedication to hospice patients and their families.

Her hobbies included quilting, needle work, gardening and traveling throughout the United States and Europe. She took pride in baking pies, breads and making her famous apple jelly.

Survivors include her husband, Delmar M. Adkins of Grinnell; her children, Gene (Ann) Adkins of Brooklyn, Lee M. Adkins of Brooklyn and Gayle (Jim) Powell of DeWitt, eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Mildred P. Belknap; and two brothers, Lester and Forrest Breniman.

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