Bessie A. Bailey

Bessie A. Bailey, 75, of Grinnell died Wednesday, May 26, 2010, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, June 2, in the chapel of the United Methodist Church in Grinnell, followed by a private family graveside service at Hazelwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Bessie Bailey Memorial Fund. Smith Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

She was born Dec. 8, 1934, in Montezuma to Russell and Winifred Rivers Schmidt. She attended schools in Searlesboro and Lynnville before graduating from Montezuma High School.

She was united in marriage with Robert D. Bailey on March 7, 1953, in Grinnell. They resided in Grinnell where she was employed as a sales clerk at Jerry’s By-Lo Grocery Store and at Walmart.

She is survived by her daughter Cindy Asay of Eugene, Oregon; three sons, Roger Wayne Bailey, Loren Bailey and Eric Bailey, all of Grinnell; 13 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and two brothers, Harold Schmidt of Grinnell and Russell Schmidt Jr., of Cogman. She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents and one brother Henry Schmidt.