Dorothy Downey, 91

Dorothy Downey, 91, of Grinnell, died June 10, 2010, at the Mayflower Community Health Care Center.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, June 14, at the Trinity Lutheran Church near Grinnell with Trish Decker, interim pastor, officiating. Organist was Teresa Ziegenmeyer, guitarist/soloist Mike Gross, and Shane Gross soloist. Pallbearers were Jeff Downey, Gary Downey II, Tracy Stevens, Brian Wilson, Tammy Keigan, and Michael Ederer. Honorary bearers were Samuel and Christopher Downey, Scott Jack, Kimberlee Harvey, Tricia Kincaid, Lisa Rathman, Timothy, Laura, Teresa and Jason Ederer, Willis Gross, Dean Downey, Shirley Hanssen, Paul and Juanita Ahrens, and Bob and Doris VanderLeest.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Trinity Lutheran Church Altar Guild.

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On June 12, 1940, she was united in marriage to Keith L. Downey at the Trinity Lutheran Church. The couple farmed in Poweshiek County for many years and later moved to Grinnell in 1963.

She was a life-long member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Trinity Lutheran Altar Guild, and the Trinity Lutheran Women’s Circle. She enjoyed traveling, fishing, gardening, flower arranging, and bird watching. She loved sharing her time with her family, attending church activities, playing cards, and going on walks.

Survivors include six children, Charles (Jeanne) Downey of Bettendorf, Gary (Becky) Downey of Grinnell, Vicki (Keith) Jack of Montezuma, Becky (Denny) Wilson of Kellogg, Mary (Reg) Wells of Grinnell, and Paty (Fred) Ederer of Prairie Du Sac, Wis.; one sister, Faye Loftin of Grinnell; one brother, Willis Gross of Placentia, Calif.; 18 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 1984; and two brothers, Kenneth and Clair Gross.
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