Elsie I. Durr

Elsie I. Durr, 94, of Grinnell, died on Thursday, May 26, 2011, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A celebration of her life was held Wednesday, June 1 at the First Baptist Church in Grinnell with the Rev. Susan Metcalf officiating. Casket bearers were Tim Smith, Sean Slattery, David Ashby, Dennis Durr, Michael Taylor and Randy Taylor. Honorary bearers were Jerry Reid, Jim Reimer, Gordon Ashby, Gary Durr, Mike Durr, Roy Patty, Maynard Durr and Harry Schumacher. Interment was at Rock Creek Cemetery west of Grinnell.

Memorials can be designated to the First Baptist Church, 925 East Street, Grinnell, IA 50112 or to the St. Francis Manor Building Fund, 2021 Fourth Ave., Grinnell, IA 50112. Memories and condolences can be shared with the family at www.smithfa.com.

Elsie Irene Taylor Durr was born the daughter of Nova and Ola Staley Taylor on January 24, 1917, in Milan, Mo. She was raised near Milan and attended country schools near her home.

She was united in marriage with LeRoy Durr on June 24, 1935, in Rock Island, Ill. The couple resided near Kellogg, and in the Rock Creek Township. Elsie was a homemaker and she later worked for Bates Flowers in Grinnell for several years.

Elsie was a member of the First Baptist Church in Grinnell and the Kellogg Garden Club. She cherished her family, held a passion for gardening and growing flowers, and also enjoyed playing cards, sewing and quilting.

She is survived by her children, Ronald Durr of Grinnell and Linda Schumacher of Hot Springs, Ark.; five grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and her siblings, Gladys Reid and Betty Taylor of Grinnell, and Everette Taylor and Anna Belle Bausell of Browning, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, LeRoy; her son, Larry Durr; and her siblings, Waylon Taylor, Augusta Pierce, and Earl Taylor.