

## Alta A. Buck



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Alta A. Buck, 95, of Grinnell, died Monday, Aug. 8, 2011, at Grinnell Health Care Center.

A celebration of her life will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 13, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Tom Palmer, pastor of the College Avenue Friends Church in Oskaloosa, officiating. Pallbearers are Ben, Eli and Henry Buck; Charles and Scott Simpson; and Lucas VanderWeerd. Interment will be in Rock Creek Cemetery near Grinnell.

Visitation will be held from 1 until 8 p.m. Friday at Smith Funeral Home and the family will be present to greet friends from 5 until 7 p.m. Friday evening.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be designated to Grinnell Regional Hospice or to the donor's choice. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

Alta was born on Aug. 30, 1915, near Chelsea to Jay Oliver Ryan and Cora Esther Metz Ryan. She was raised in Chelsea and Grinnell, and graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1934.

Alta was united in marriage with Harold W. Buck on Sept. 30, 1939, in Tabor. The couple farmed for many years on the Buck family century farm near Grinnell. Harold and Alta enjoyed attending card parties, square dancing and attending rodeos in their younger years. She was an active member of the First Friends Church in Grinnell, where she taught Sunday School and Bible School. Her hobbies were tending to her flowers and garden, antiques, quilting, decorating cakes, and creating oil paintings.

Alta is survived by her children, Edwin Buck of Bartow, Fla., Ernest Buck of Iowa City, James Buck of Vidor, Texas, Thomas Buck of Richmond, Texas, Fred Buck of Grinnell, and Kathryn Stark of Bakersfield, Calif.; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; and her sister, Wilma Lincoln of Grinnell.

Alta was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harold W. Buck; her brothers, Warren, Harry and Wayne Ryan; and her sister, Marjorie Halstead.