

Vera Beason



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Vera Beason, 87, of Grinnell and formerly of Lynnville, left this earth to go to a better place on Aug. 25, 2012, at the Grinnell Health Care Center.

Funeral services are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, 2012, at the First Friends Church in Grinnell. A private family burial will be in the Friends Cemetery in Lynnville.

No visitation is planned.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Vera Beason Memorial Fund.

Vera was born May 4, 1925, in Lynnville to Harold and Charlotte (Groves) Ratcliff. She graduated from Lynnville High School where the friendships and successes she experienced

as a basketball player led to many fond memories.

In May of 1947, she married Gerald Beason, also of Lynnville. Other than a few years in Pella, Gerald and Vera spent their married lives in Lynnville. Vera moved to Friendship Manor in Grinnell when Gerald passed away in July 2006.

In spite of ongoing health challenges, Vera displayed a great sense of humor and retained a positive outlook on life. She hoped to live to be a 103, but later noted that 100 years would be long enough to get her picture on TV on the Smucker's jelly jar. She believed her role at Friendship Manor, later Grinnell Health Care Center, was to be an encouragement to others, and she made an effort to do so for as long as she was able.

Vera was an active member of the Lynnville Friends Church, the church she attended with her family while growing up. Vera always enjoyed being around children whether they were members of her own family or others. She also enjoyed photography and continued to take photos after her move to Grinnell.

Vera is survived by two children, Ron Beason and his wife Kim of Urbandale and Karen and her husband Ron Litwiller of Albany, Oregon; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; three siblings, Velma Sparks of Montezuma, Alice Sparks of Grinnell and Melvin Ratcliff and his wife Marcile of Lynnville; along with many loved and appreciated nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.