Viola M. Armstrong, 85

Viola M. Armstrong, 85, of Grinnell, died June 28, 2008, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1, at the Grinnell United Methodist Church with the Rev. Len Eberhart officiating. Pallbearers were Bryan and Bryce Armstrong, Dennis and Mike Ashby, Colin Belcher, Robbin Eppinga, Paul Ruble, Kevin Sterk, and Adam and Scott Wahl. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Grinnell United Methodist Church or the Stewart Library in Grinnell.

The daughter of Walter and Alma Hakeman Ruble, she was born March 10, 1923, in Hartwick. She later moved to Grinnell and was a 1942 graduate of Grinnell High School.

On April 19, 1948, she was married to Harold “Melvin” Armstrong, in Grinnell. The couple lived in Marion, S.D., and Brooklyn, Iowa, before moving to Grinnell in 1953. She was employed as a claims supervisor at Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company for 18 years and retired in 1975.

Viola was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church and the Jewell Box Quilters Guild. She was an avid sports fan and was a very loyal fan of the Chicago Cubs. She enjoyed craftwork including quilting, needlepoint, and crocheting. She also enjoyed reading, playing cards, and fishing. She was a good-hearted and very giving person who was proud of her family.

She is survived by five children, Ginger Sterk of Grinnell; Steven Armstrong of Kent, Wash.; Tim Armstrong of Grinnell, Cristyal Wahl of Davenport, and Melanie Belcher of Grinnell; two sisters, Mary Margaret Ashby of Grinnell and Phyllis Collier of Penryn, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a grandson; a brother, Oscar Ruble; and two sisters, Maxine Dierich and her twin, Violet Krumm.

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