Wanda M. Kiesey

Wanda M. Kiesey, 93, of Grinnell, died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2015, at Grinnell Health Care Center.

A celebration of her life will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, March 12, at the Elks Lodge in Grinnell with Pastor John Epperson officiating. A reception will be held at the Elks Lodge following the service.

Memorials may be designated to the American Cancer Society and the Alzheimer's Association, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with her family at www.smithfh.com.

Wanda was born on Oct. 29, 1921, to Cash and Myrtle Deeds Adkins at the family home in rural Jasper County near Grinnell. She was educated at country schools in Jasper County and at Grinnell High School.

She was united in marriage with William "Bill" Kiesey on June 4, 1947, at the United Methodist Church in Montezuma. The couple made their home in rural Jasper County near Oakland Acres. Wanda was employed as a waitress at the Chester Inn in Grinnell and later worked at Matthews Rexall Drug Store for 29 years and Graham's department store for three years in Grinnell.

Wanda held a special love for children, and her enjoyments included playing cards, going to dances, and visiting with family and friends.

Wanda is survived by her sisters, Ila Mintle of Grinnell and Barbara Henderson of Vancouver, Wash., and many other relations.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Wilma May, in 2006.

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