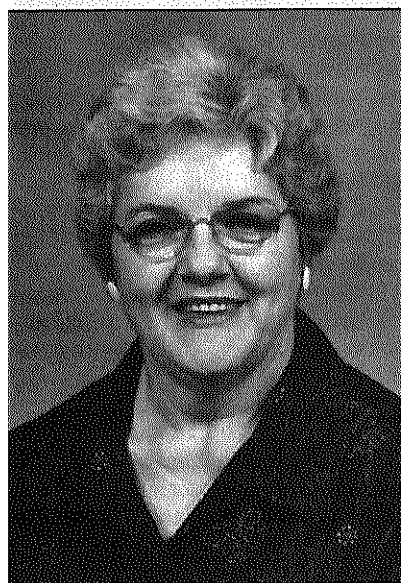


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**Grace Elaine Stephenson** 5-14-2015



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A graveside service was held Wednesday at the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

Memorials may be directed to the Grace Stephenson Memorial Fund and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family online at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

Grace Elaine Stephenson was born on Aug. 27, 1937, south of Searsboro to Walter and Alice Rivers Wittrup. She attended and graduated from Grinnell High School. Grace worked as a secretary for VanWyk Freight Lines.

On May 28, 1955, she was united in marriage with Myrl Stephenson in Grinnell and they had four children. The family moved to Minnesota for a short period of time and returned to Grinnell and later to Montezuma. Myrl died on April 15, 1995, and later that year Grace moved to back Grinnell.

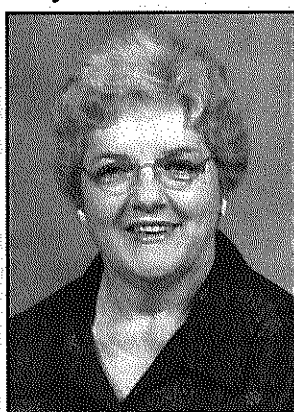
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She is survived by her children Donna Cummings of Goose Rock, Ky., Matt Stephenson of Grinnell, Ann Stephenson of Grinnell and Rick Stephenson of Montour; 11 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; and her brother, Ron Wittrup of Ely, Minn.

Grace was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sisters, Mildred Potter and Laura "Toot" Wittrup; and two brothers, Dean Wittrup and Carl Wittrup.

**GRACE ELAINE STEPHENSON**

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Those left to cherish her memory are her children; Donna (Cliff) Cummings of Goose Rock, Kentucky, Matt Stephenson of Grinnell, Ann Stephenson of Grinnell and Rick (Terry) Stephenson of Montour; 11 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; her brother, Ron Wittrup of Ely, Minn.; and her sisters-in-law, Clara (Virgil) Scott and Joan Wittrup, all of Grinnell.

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**GRINNELL RESIDENT**

**Grace Elaine Stephenson, 77**

*PCCR 5-20-2015*



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