

H.R. APRIL 23, 2005
Oneta V. Gray



Oneta V. Gray, 83, of Grinnell, formerly of Oklahoma City, Okla., died Monday, April 25, 2005, at Friendship Manor.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, April 27, at Grace Community Church with the Rev. Robert Zirkelbach officiating. Music was by Ila Willis and Lynda Close. Burial will take place Saturday, April 30, in Resthaven Cemetery in Oklahoma City.

She was born April 18, 1922, in Atoka, Okla., to Samuel and Myrtle Lou Attaberry LaVarnway. She was raised on the family farm and attended rural school. The family moved to California in 1937 where she worked as a farm laborer. She returned to Atoka and was married on Sept. 6, 1945, to Amos L. Gray in Sherman, Texas. They lived in Atoka until 1949 when they moved to Chowchilla, Calif. From 1951 to 1986 they lived in Oklahoma City where she was a homemaker. Following the death of her husband in 1986, she moved to Grinnell to be near her daughter.

She was a member of Grace Community Church, and enjoyed baking, gardening and sewing.

She is survived by her daughter Lynda Close of Grinnell; one son Amos Gray of San Antonio, Texas; three grandchildren; three great grandchildren and one sister Mildred Silvers of Atoka. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband; her twin sister, Juanita Burton and another sister, Melinda (Dolly) Hensley, and two brothers, Roy and Floyd LaVarnway.