Alice M. Pearson

Alice M. Pearson, 80, of Lineville, Iowa, and formerly of Grinnell died on Friday, Aug. 5, at West View Acres Care Center in Leon, Iowa.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Max Carmichael, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Leon, officiating. Grandchildren of Alice Pearson – Nicholas and Chad Wells, Scott and Mickel King, Teresa Adams and Angela Hinman – will be pallbearers. Burial will be at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation will be held at the funeral home beginning at 2 p.m. today (Monday); the family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m.

She was born on June 27, 1925, in Chester Township to Frank and Maude Taylor Cottrell. She was raised on the family farm and attended rural school near Grinnell.

In 1947, she married Harold M. Wells. The couple had three children – Paulette, Carlotta and Harold Jr. She lived in the Grinnell area all but the past five years.

Her lifetime achievement was her children. She also worked in various businesses in Poweshiek and Jasper Counties.


Her pursuits included sewing, gardening and traveling.

She is survived by her second husband; a son, Harold Wells Jr. of Newton; a daughter, Paulette Korn of Dallas, Ga.; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Robert Cottrell; and a sister, Doris Weaver of Des Moines.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Carlotta Jean King; a sister, Velvia Dammen; and an infant brother, Frank.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice of Central Iowa and sent in care of James Pearson 1090 Durant Rd., Lineville, Iowa 50147.