

OBITUARIES

GRINNELL RESIDENT

Ruth Halblom, 99



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Visitation with the family present was held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell United Methodist Church.

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Ruth was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, Women's Methodist Organization, holding various offices, the Historical & Literacy Club and Sunset Club. She taught Sunday school and enjoyed music, gardening, painting and reading. She loved the outdoors and living and working on their farm was a huge part of her life.

Survivors include one grandson, Matthew (Janelle) Halblom of Urbana; three great-grandchildren, Christopher (Kenzie Blaha), and Drake and Payton Halblom; a daughter-in-law, Charlene Marsh of Cedar Rapids; and a brother-in-law, Bert Permar of Marshalltown. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Oscar in 1996; her son, Randall in 1976; and three sisters, Herma Cowell, Ethel Mae Swartz and Darlene Permar.