Neta Stoakes 12-5-2016

Neta Stoakes, 87, of Grinnell, died Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016, at Grinnell Health Care Center.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 8, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Internment will be at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday and the family will be present at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

A memorial fund will be established in her name.

She is survived by one son, David Stoakes of Grinnell; and two daughters, Linda Daseke of Mason City and Kathleen Stoakes of Des Moines.

Neta was born on April 1, 1929, in Denver, Colo., to Derwood and Mary Bruce Neidiger. The family moved to Iowa, and later resided in Traer. She graduated with the Class of 1947 from Traer High School, and attended the Gates Business College in Waterloo.

On Aug. 8, 1948, she married Kenneth Stoakes and they had three children. Following their marriage they lived in Cedar Falls, Malcom, Orange and Mason City before moving to Reinbeck, where Kenneth served as superintendent of the Reinbeck School District. Neta worked for several years as a cashier at the University of Northern Iowa. Following their retirement, they lived at Clear Lake. For the past few years, Neta lived in Des Moines and Grinnell to be close to family.

Neta was an avid reader and especially enjoyed reading biographies. She also enjoyed gardening and baking for family and friends as well as traveling with her husband.

She is survived by her children, Linda Daseke of Mason City, Dr. David Stoakes of Grinnell and Kathleen Stoakes of Des Moines; three grandchildren; five great grandchildren; one half sister, Rinda McClure; and one half brother, Gary Neidiger.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and two brothers, Norman Chino and Howard Neidiger.