Myrtle L. Gilbert

Myrtle L. Gilbert, 93, of Grinnell died Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2005, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service will be held Friday, Dec. 30, at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Kirsten Klepher, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Organist will be Kathleen McCune and vocalist will be Greg Lincoln. Pallbearers will be Teresa Adams, Tim Elliott, Jeff Hinman, Damian and Janene Imhoff, Megan Jolley, Mike Reid and Jake Robison. Honorary bearers will be April Allen, Robin Elliott, Angie Hinman, Darla Reid and Diana Singleton. Burial will be in Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcom. Visitation will be Thursday from 12 noon to 8 p.m. at the funeral home where family members will be present from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church and the Grinnell Regional Hospice.

She was born Oct. 17, 1912, in Grinnell, the daughter of Jonathan L. and Bertha Wehausen Gilbert. She was a 1931 graduate of Grinnell High School after which she was employed for several years at DeLong Glove Factory. She was married to Lloyd D. Gilbert on Nov. 19, 1933, in Grinnell. They continued to reside in Grinnell and she was employed at Grinnell General Hospital and later in the office of Dr. John DeMeulenaere. She retired in 1981.

She was a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church, a member of the Rebekah Lodge, Grinnell Camp Fire Council, Davis Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association and the MAC Chorus of Grinnell Senior Center.

She is survived by three daughters, Lois M. Reid of Phoenix, Ariz.; Pat Jolley of Mansfield Texas, and Mary Adams of Grinnell; nine grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Lloyd in 1981; one daughter Virginia Hockett; two brothers Howard and Norman Hockett, and two sisters, Lenora Ohland and Bernice Sickenger.