

Loretta R. Grimm, 79



Loretta R. Grimm, 79, of North English, died Monday, Feb. 13, 2006 at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City following an extended illness.

A Celebration of Life Service was held at the Community Church, rural Deep River, on Thursday, Feb. 16 with Pastor Dan Dickey officiating. Burial was at the Community Cemetery, rural Deep River. Powell Funeral Home and Cremation Service at North English was in charge of the arrangements.

Loretta Rose Grimm was born on Aug. 29, 1926 near Kinross, the fourth child of Elmer and Tillie Conrad Kiracofe. She lost her mother at an early age and was raised by her stepmother, Tracy Cupp Kiracofe, and her father in the Green Castle area north of Oxford. She was united in marriage with Cecil

Franklin Grimm on Sept. 4, 1945 at Cedar Rapids. Together they farmed, milked cows and raised their two sons, Elmer and Daryl. She was a meticulous housekeeper and an avid gardener who enjoyed sharing her abundant produce with others. Her greatest joy was her two grandchildren and her love for her Sunday school kids.

She is survived by two sons, Elmer and Dolores of North English and Daryl and Susie of Colfax; two grandchildren, Janel Grimm-Burgess and husband Timothy of Springfield, Mo. and Jeffrey Grimm of North English and fiancée Christine Ahrens; a great-grandson, Eddie Burgess; and a sister, Margaret Novak of Oxford.

Loretta was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in June, 2004; and brothers Flavian and Edward Kiracofe.

A memorial fund in her name has been established for the Community Church. Message and tributes may be left at www.powellfuneralhomes.com under obituaries.