

Grace Leinen



Grace Leinen, 88, of Grinnell, formerly of Cedar Falls, died Monday, March 6, 2006, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service was held Thursday, March 9, at First Presbyterian Church in Grinnell with the Rev. Kirsten Klepfer, pastor of the church, officiating. A second memorial service will be held Friday, March 10, at 10:30 a.m. at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls with the Rev. Tim Schoepf officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Cedar Falls. Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church in Grinnell or Grinnell Regional Hospice.

She was born Feb. 14, 1918, in Cedar Falls, the daughter of James and Gertrude Hanson Bergstrom. She was raised on a farm near Cedar Falls and was a 1936 graduate of Cedar Falls High School. She received a teaching certificate from Iowa State Normal School in Cedar Falls, later the University of Northern Iowa, and taught for several years at Mechanicsville. She later received the bachelor of arts degree in education and the master of arts degree in specialist reading and language arts. She taught for 30 years in the Cedar Falls School District and taught later at the University of Northern Iowa. She was married to Gordon (Bill) Leinen on Dec. 26, 1941, in Cedar Falls. He died in 1966. She was married on June 23, 2003, in Cedar Falls to Arthur Heimann of Grinnell and the couple made their home in Grinnell.

She was a member of Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls and later of First Presbyterian Church in Grinnell. She was state and national president of the National Reading Association; past president of Alpha Delta Kappa, and a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and P.E.O. She also was director of Stephen Ministry at Nazareth Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her husband Arthur of Grinnell; three children Gary Leinen of Bozeman, Mont., Kim Heimann of Newton and Scott Leinen of Pella; five stepchildren, Ray Heimann of Newton; Nancy Sayers of Centerville, Jo Schreck of Manchester, Mark Heimann of Dike and Ed Heimann of Superior, Wis.; 17 grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, one sister Marjorie Booth and one brother James Bergstrom.

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