

Dorothy Jane Pierce



Dorothy Jane Pierce of Avondale, Ariz., formerly of Grinnell, died April 1, 2006, in St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix Ariz., after suffering a stroke on March 29, 2006.

A funeral service was held April 4 in Sun City, Ariz., with the Rev. Marty Weese officiating.

She was born Feb. 21, 1929, in Lynnville, the daughter of Jacob and Florence Brand. She grew up on a farm near Lynnville where she attended school through her junior year of high school. Her family then moved to Grinnell where she attended school, then graduated from AIB College of Business in Des Moines which she attended on a basketball scholarship. She was married to Charles Pierce in 1952. They resided in Grinnell where she raised her family and was a long-time employee of Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company. The Pierces moved to Arizona in 1983 where she enjoyed her church, her backyard swing, feeding her birds and swimming in her pool.

She is survived by three daughters, Marcia Jackson of Peoria, Ariz., Sheri Wilkins of Prosser, Wash., and Jodi Pierce of Arlington, Ariz.; three sons, Steve Pierce of Roseburg, Oregon, Rod Pierce of Redmond Wash., and Curt Pierce of Avondale, Ariz.; nine grandchildren and one brother, Ed Brand of Grinnell.