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Ila M. Mintle

Ila M. Mintle, 103, of Grinnell died on March 23, 2018, at St. Francis Manor.

Funeral services were scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 28th, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. John Epperson, Grinnell Regional Hospice, officiating. Pallbearers were Brian, Brent, Bradley, Peter, and Terry Mintle and Randy and Craig Shotwell. Burial was in the Sheridan Cemetery, rural Poweshiek County.

Visitation with the family present was held from 12:30 to 2:00 Wednesday afternoon at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Francis Manor Building Fund.

Ila was born on August 6, 1914, at her family home in Rock Creek Township, west of Grinnell, the daughter of Cash and Myrtle Deeds Adkins. She attended Rock Creek Township Country School and was a 1933 graduate of Grinnell High School.

On October 13, 1934, she was united in marriage with M. Ross Mintle at the Methodist Parsonage in Grinnell. The couple operated a grain and livestock farm in the Grinnell area for many years. They moved to Grinnell in 2002. As farmers, they were great stewards of the land and were known to have planted over 1800 trees on their farm.

Ila was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, WSCS, the Chester Royal Grange, and the Welcome In Club.

She was a homemaker and kept very busy raising her family and working on the farm. She knew the value of hard work and was very active in running a successful farm operation. She loved gardening and canning her produce. She was a fantastic cook, and enjoyed playing cards and socializing with her family and friends. She loved traveling, usually to Colorado, California, and Minnesota. She will be remembered for her love for her family and her sense of humor.

Survivors include her children, Mary McIvor of Denver, Colorado, Steven Mintle of Grinnell, and Dennis (Nancy) Mintle of Longmont, Colorado; a daughter-in-law, Anna Mae Mintle of Grinnell; and 56 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ross; her son, Michael Mintle; a daughter-in-law, Sandra Mintle; three sisters, Wilma May, Wanda Kieseey, and Barbara Henderson; and two grandsons, Dennis and Troy.

