Margaret R. Osborn

Margaret R. Osborn, 84, of Grinnell died Monday, March 27, 2006, at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids. A funeral service will be held Friday, March 31, at 11 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home with interment following in Hazelwood Cemetery. Officiating will be the Rev. Jack Mithelman of Grandview College in Des Moines and the Rev. Kirsten Klepfer, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Grinnell. Music will be provided by Kathleen McCune, pianist, and Rich Thorson, vocalist. Casket bearers will be Greg Bryan, Denny Fleener, Chris Halstead, Ken Lindblom, Kenneth Saunders and Gary Wallis. Friends may call at the funeral home from 12 noon on Thursday with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church.

She was born Feb. 19, 1922, in rural Montezuma to Charles and Mary Henry Bryan. The family moved to Grinnell when she was a young girl and she graduated from Grinnell High School. She was united in marriage with Robert W. Osborn on March 1, 1942, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. The couple lived in Grinnell and she was employed at Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company, DeLong Sportswear's Outlet Store and in the office of Dr. John DeMeulenaere. She also was a proud homemaker and mother. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, enjoyed traveling, writing poetry and the beauty of God’s nature. She also was an avid fan of the Iowa Hawkeyes and the Chicago Cubs.

She is survived by one son Sam Osborn of Cedar Rapids and four sisters, Hazel Brim, Ruth Mithelman and Clara Halstead, all of Grinnell, and Roberta (Sally) Todd of Polson, Mont. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one sister Bessie Wright and five brothers, William (Abe), Robert, Roy, Ray and Alvin Bryan.