

Velva I. Runchey

Velva I. Runchey, 94, of Schaumburg, Ill., formerly of Grinnell, died Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at Sunrise Assisted Living Home in Schaumburg.

A funeral service was held Monday, June 19, at First United Methodist Church in Algona. Burial was in Riverview Cemetery in Algona.

She was born Jan. 12, 1912, in Wesley, Iowa, the daughter of Charles and Leona Douglas Johnson. The family moved to a farm in Minnesota, and later to Missouri. When she was 14 they moved to Algona and she graduated from Algona High School. She was united in marriage with Fernley Runchey on Nov. 14, 1931, in Rock Island, Ill. After a short time in Algona, they moved to Goshen, Ind., where they lived the majority of their life. Following the death of her husband in 1975, she moved to Grinnell. In 1993, she moved to northwest suburban Chicago, Ill., to be near her daughter and grandchildren.

She was a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star, Plymouth, Ind., chapter; a life-long member of the United Methodist Church; a 4-H leader for 12 years and an American Red Cross volunteer.

She is survived by one daughter Nancy Stires of Inverness, Ill. and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and one brother Stanley Johnson.