

Esther Stuart

Esther Virginia Stuart, 100, of Leon, formerly of Grinnell, died Monday, Nov. 6, 2006, at Westview Acres in Leon.

Her remains have been cremated and graveside services will be held at a later date at Hazelwood Cemetery. Slade-O'Donnell Funeral Home in Leon is in charge of arrangements.

She was born in Grinnell on Feb. 23, 1906, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Berry. She grew up in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School after which she attended the American Institute of Business (AIB) in Des Moines. She was married on March 5, 1927, to Leonard Merrill Stuart of Grinnell. The couple farmed in several locations and she was a hard-working farm wife, homemaker and mother of four children. In later years, she worked at Look magazine in Des Moines and Mary Greeley Hospital in Ames. Following the death of her husband in 1973, she lived in both Arizona and California prior to returning to Iowa. She was a member of the Baptist Church. She enjoyed crafts especially macrame and crochet.

She is survived by one son Lyman Stuart of Leon; two daughters, Barbara Hall of Columbia, Iowa, and Judy Young of Santa Rosa, Calif.; several grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one daughter, Marilyn Busby, two sisters, one brother and one granddaughter.

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