

Ruth Hannay ^{GH-R}
8-11-2022



Ruth Hannay, 98, of Pella, Iowa, formerly of Grinnell, Iowa, passed away Saturday, August 6, 2022, at Groningen Cottage in Pella.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, August 12, 2022, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

A visitation will be held at 9:30 a.m., one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be designated to a charity of your choice in c/o Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368 Grinnell, IA 50112.

Ruth was born on August 21, 1923 in Sully, Iowa, to Rutt and Sadie (Sjaardema) Kaldenberg. Ruth was raised her whole life in Sully. She attended the Sully Christian Grade School until eighth grade, and then graduated with the class of 1940 at Sully Public School.

On November 29, 1946, Ruth was united in marriage to Edward J. Hannay in Newton, Iowa. To this union the couple had two children, John and Mary. Ruth and her family lived in Sully, and her husband farmed southwest of Grinnell, while Ruth worked in Pella at Vander Voort's grocery. In July of 1963, Edward tragically passed away after a tractor accident. Ruth continued living on the farm until moving to Grinnell in 1972. While in Grinnell, Ruth worked for United Food store, R & J Fabrics, and Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance as the Printshop supervisor. In 1978, Ruth started working for the Mayflower Homes as an administrative assistant until her retirement in June of 1993.

Ruth was a member of the First Baptist Church, formerly in Grinnell. She was an active member, serving as treasurer for 15 years. She was also a member of the American Baptist Women's Ministries, in which she held many roles.

Ruth is survived by her daughter, Mary O'Connor of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; sisters, Agnes Masselink of California, Sibel Hansen of Tucson, Ariz., Dorothy DeRonde of Pella and Darlene Klein of Pella; grandchildren Megan O'Connor of Anamosa, Iowa, Jill Hannay of Washington, Leslie Hannay of Washington, and Jed (Julie) Hannay of Virginia; two great grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Deonise Hannay of Capetown, South Africa; step grandchildren, Paul Joubert of South Africa, and Jeannine Stafford of Australia; and niece, Trudy Hamor of Florida.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Edward; son, John Hannay; brothers and their spouses, John E. (Ada) Kaldenberg, Dewey (Minnie May) Kaldenberg, and George (Lena) Kaldenberg; sisters and their spouses, Kathryn (Harris) Van Zante, Jeannette (Jerry) VanDenBerg, Josephine McKenna, and Freda "Chic" (Martin "Buck") Visser; son-in-law, Beryl O'Connor; brothers-in-law, Bob DeRonde and Wayne Klein; and sister-in-law and her husband, Margaret (Wade) Hamor.