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Janyce Lucile Heishman 12-28-23-
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Janyce Lucile Heishman, 97, of Grinnell, died on Thursday, December 21, 2023, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Visitation began at 12:00 PM, Wednesday, December 27, 2023, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell and Janyce's family received family and friends from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, December 28, 2023, at the Grinnell United Methodist Church. Interment will be at Sheridan Cemetery. A luncheon followed the interment at Oakland Acres west of Grinnell.

Memorial contributions may be designated to St. Francis Manor Foundation, Sheridan United Methodist Church or Grinnell United Methodist Church, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home and Crematory, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA. 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with Janyce's family on the Smith Funeral Home website at www.smithfh.com.

Janyce Lucile Heishman was born in Grinnell, Iowa, on April 25, 1926, the daughter of Wilbur Henry Schultz and Elva Lucile Graham. She was raised in the Sheridan Community and attended grade school at Sheridan #8 and graduated from the Grinnell High School in 1943.

After high school Janyce attended the Midland Airline School in Kansas City, Missouri, and worked for TWA airlines in Dayton, Ohio, for two years.

Janyce was united in marriage to Floyd Lester Heishman on November 16, 1946, at the Sheridan United Methodist Church after he was honorably discharged from the United States Army having served in the Philippines. Janyce was preceded in death by her husband Floyd on November 6, 2018. They had been married 72 years at the time of his passing. Janyce and Floyd farmed in the Sheridan community until January 1994 when they moved to Grinnell.

Janyce was confirmed at the Sheridan United Methodist Church. She was an 82-year member of the Methodist Church, with memberships at Sheridan United Methodist Church, Tama United Methodist Church, and Grinnell United Methodist Church.

Janyce was active in church activities, was a member of Grinnell UMW, was a charter member of the Rainbow Girls at Grinnell, was a 4-H leader, member of the Order of Eastern Star - Holly Chapter, Malcom, Tama American Legion Auxiliary, Grinnell PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) and was a volunteer at the Grinnell Hospital.

Janyce and Floyd enjoyed attending the Iowa State Fair every year and traveling. Their lifelong traveling adventures included fishing trips to Canada, and trips to Colorado, Wyoming, Florida, Arizona, California, Georgia, Tennessee, Yellowstone, the Black Hills, Hawaii, Mexico, Costa Rica, the Panama Canal, the Bahamas, the Northeastern States, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Alaska, and Washington (D.C. & state). Janyce and Floyd were avid University of Iowa Hawkeye fans attending football and basketball games.

Janyce is survived by daughter Susan (David) Heise, son Larry, and daughter, Shirley (Dean) Laraway; six grandchildren: Andy (Sarah) Heishman, Jim (fiancé Kate) Heishman, Becky (Chad) Blackert, Laura (Al) Diamond, Chad (Chrissy) Heise, and Megan (Kelton) Reinart; eight great-great grandchildren; and a sister, Linda (Bob) Overturf. She is preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, Floyd.



The family of Janyce Heishman would like to send a sincere thank you to everyone for their prayers, kind words, flowers, cards and memorials. Your support is greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Sammi and her team at the Hammond Center for their great care the past four years and 8 months. We are so grateful for the love and compassion expressed towards our Mom. We know she truly felt at home under your care. Thank you to Mom's private care providers, Tina and Karla, for your patience and caring ways. You made Mom's final months so enjoyable for her. Thank you to the Care Initiatives Hospice team, especially Chaplin Doug, Mom always loved your singing. Thank you to the staff at St. Francis Manor for making a difficult time for our family a little easier. Thank you to Pastor Boyd Sparks from the Sheridan United Methodist Church for the visits and comforting prayers. Thank you to Pastor Eric Schubert from the Grinnell United Methodist Church for your visits, prayers, support and officiant of Mom's memorial service. Thank you to Chapter #477 Eastern Star for your beautiful service at Mom's visitation. Your words provided peace to our hearts. Thank you to the staff at Smith Funeral Home. Your care, concern and attention to detail made the process so seamless for our family. Thank you to Oakland Acres for the spectacular setting to celebrate Mom's reception. She would have loved the lunch and fellowship with all her friends and family. Finally, thank you to Mom's son-in-law, Deacon Dave Heise. Mom came to you for assistance to create a beautiful service. Thank you for working with her and providing exactly what she wanted. The homily and tribute that you delivered at her memorial service was very inspirational. The Family is very grateful.

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