Donna M. DeWitt

Donna Maxine DeWitt, 88, of Grinnell died Sunday, March 1, 2009, at Mayflower.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, March 4, at Bellfountain Cemetery in Tracy, Iowa, with Danny Fryer officiating.

She was born Nov. 25, 1920, near New Sharon, the daughter of Lewis and Lola Spain Harry. She was united in marriage with Donald DeWitt in Missouri on Aug. 2, 1938. They resided in Tracy, Bussey and Wapello prior to moving to Grinnell, where she had lived for the past 40 years. She was a clerk for many years in the J.C. Penney Store in Grinnell and for many years was a hospital volunteer. She and her husband enjoyed camping and traveling.

She is survived by her sister Emma Oliver of Des Moines; her brother Lyle VanGorp of Kentucky, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and one sister, Irene Bowen.
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Donna M. DeWitt, 88, of Grinnell, passed away Sunday morning, March 1, 2009, at the Mayflower Nursing Center in Grinnell. As per Donna’s wishes, graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 4, at Bellfountain Cemetery near Tracy with Danny Fryer officiating. No visitation or viewing will be held. Garlad-Van Arkel-Langkamp Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution in Donna’s name to your local humane society.

Donna Maxine DeWitt, was born near New Sharon, on Nov. 25, 1920, to Lewis and Lola Spain Harry. She married Donald DeWitt on Aug. 2, 1938, in Missouri. He preceded her in death, June 3, 1991. In their younger years, Donna and Don loved to camp and travel. They lived many different places during their married life, such as Tracy, Bussey, Wapello, and finally made their home in Grinnell, where she lived the past 40 years. She worked many years as a clerk at the J.C. Penney’s Store in Grinnell. Donna volunteered for many years at the Grinnell hospital. Donna always had a special place in her heart for all animals, even rescuing her last two loves, her dogs, Maggie and Shane. Donna loved and was very proud of her beautiful flowers, admiring them as part of God’s handiwork. She enjoyed reading her Bible everyday.

Donna is survived by a sister, Erma (Mando) Oliver of Des Moines; a brother, Lyle (Norma) VanGorp of Kentucky; nieces, nephews and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald; her father, Lewis Harry; her mother, Lola McCombs; and a sister, Irene Bowen.