

Betty E. Light, 91

Betty Light, 91, of Deep River, passed away Tuesday, May 12, 2009, of a sudden illness, at the Grinnell Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held at 10:30 A.M. on Friday, May 15, at the United Church of Deep River with Pastor Boyd Sparks officiating. Interment was held in the Golden Rod Cemetery in Deep River. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Deep River Fire Department.

Betty E. (Graham) Light was born in Newton, on Nov. 1, 1917, to Thomas and Margaret (Crawford) Graham. She graduated from Montezuma High School in 1935. On Sept. 9, 1937, she was united in marriage to Paul Light of Deep River in Des Moines. To this union, one daughter was born, Linda Lee. Paul and Betty made their home in Deep River. When he was called to the Army during World War II, she managed the Gibson Savings Bank in Deep River, and continued to work there, after he returned, until her retirement in 1985. Betty was also a partner in Light's Insurance Agency. Paul and Betty ran the Deep River Theatre for many years. She was a member of the United Church of Deep River, the American Legion Auxiliary, Progress Club, and a lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Betty was an accomplished ballroom dancer, taking part in many competitions in Florida, where she spent the winters for many years.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda Geiger, and her husband, Richard; a granddaughter, Richelle Kluck, and her husband, Jim Ray; a grandson, Michael Geiger, and his wife, Wendy; six great-grandchildren, Amanda, Lindie and Alec Adair, Tyler, Tess and Tod Geiger; and a sister, Ellen Lemke, of Bedford.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Paul; one sister, Margaret Figland; two brothers, Bill Graham and Bob Graham; and a grandson-in-law, Steve Adair.



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