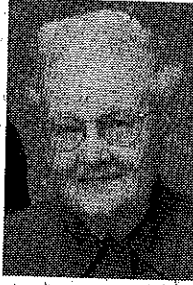


Hazel T. Swanson ^{GH} 7/28/08

Hazel T. Swanson, 88, of Grinnell died Sunday, July 27, 2008, at St. Francis Manor.



A funeral service will be held Friday, Aug. 1, in the Exhibit Hall at the Poweshiek County Fairgrounds 425 East St., Grinnell. Pianist will be her granddaughter Laurie White. Casket bearers will be her grandchildren, Dennis Swanson, Kimberly Shay, Daniel Swanson, Kristina Vainio, Laurie White, Lynnette Galloway, Jennifer Eicher, Jacqueline Eicher, Chelsea Swanson, Justin Swanson, Kendra Swanson, Michael Quernemoen, Margaret Quernemoen, Stephanie Quernemoen, Sarah Nelson, Shanna York and Cale Swanson. Interment will be in Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcom. Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home Thursday beginning at 3 p.m. with family members present from 5 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to Grinnell Regional Medical Center Auxiliary.

She was born Dec. 28, 1919, in Dodson, Mont., the daughter of Edwin and Mathea Erlandson Olson. She was raised in Canton, S.D., graduating from Canton High School. Following her education, she moved to Waterloo where she was married on Jan. 18, 1940, to Ernest Swanson. She was the mother of four children, a homemaker who assisted her husband with the operation of a grain and livestock farm near Malcom from 1940 to 1982. The Swansons then lived in Malcom prior to moving to Grinnell in 2001.

She was a long-time member of Grinnell Regional Medical Center Auxiliary and a poll watcher during elections. She enjoyed painting, gardening and a variety of crafts.

She is survived by her husband, Ernest Swanson of Grinnell; one daughter Judy Eicher of Waterloo and three sons, Jim Swanson of Carrollton, Texas, Bob Swanson of Des Moines and Richard Swanson of Malcom; 17 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; one sister Wava Bower of Laramie, Wyo., and one brother Myron Olson of Denver, Colo. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Mildred Lewis.

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Services are pending at Smith Funeral Home.