

Martha Belden

Martha I. Belden, 91, of 301 East Madison St., Montezuma, died Friday, July 2, at the Montezuma Senior Home.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, with the Rev. Howard Lord officiating. Organist was Alice Renaud, and vocalist was Rhonda Minner. Pallbearers were Bill Ahrens, Dale Watson, John Ahrens, Oran Watson, Freddy Watson and Raymond Watson.

Burial was in Lower Blue Point Cemetery south of Grinnell. Memorials may be made to the Lower Blue Point Cemetery and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell 50112.

The daughter of Jesse and Nancy Watson Rivers, she was born Sept. 19, 1901, near Grinnell. She attended rural schools and graduated from Grinnell High School in 1920. She worked at the Grinnell Washing Machine Co. In 1925 she graduated from Grinnell College with a major in zoology.

She was married to H. Worth Belden Nov. 23, 1935, in Newton. They lived on the Belden farm until moving to a farm in the Blue Point community in 1946. Mrs. Belden had been a resident of Montezuma since 1989.

She was a member of the former Blue Point Church and the Blue Point Friendship Club.

There are no immediate survivors. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

(Mrs. H. Worth)

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