
Roberta Berthusen

(Mrs. Thomas I.)

Roberta C. Berthusen, 79, of Rockford, Ill., formerly of Grinnell, died of kidney failure Sunday, Sept. 29, at Alma Nelson Manor in Rockford.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the Gilman Community United Church of Christ, with the Rev. Rich Gamble officiating. Organist was Janice Everts, and vocalists were Nancy Burchland and Jacob Berthusen.

Pallbearers were her grandsons, Jeffrey, Michael, William, Tracy, Norman and Andrew Berthusen. Honorary bearers were Clifford Froehlich, Earl Holst, Waldo Holst, Russell Lorenz, Raymond Swift and Loren Vieth.

Burial was in Rose Hill Memorial Gardens, Marshalltown, with the Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell in charge of arrangements.

The daughter of Herman and Agnes Lorenz Grendler, she was born March 6, 1917, at Everly. She was a graduate of Everly Public School.

She was married to Thomas I. Berthusen Dec. 31, 1935 at Nashua. They farmed south of Gilman for 44 years, retiring in November 1979 and moving to Oakland Acres. She later lived at the Mayflower.

Mrs. Berthusen was a member of the Gilman Community United Church of Christ and was active in the ladies guild and circles of the church. She was also a long-time member of the Tuesday Progress Federated Club.

Surviving are five sons, Robert of Gilman, Norman of Plano, Texas, Eugene and Stanley, both of Rockford, and Truman of Marshalltown; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Evaline Froehlich.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and an infant sister, Phyllis Grendler.

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