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Mae Byam Davis

Mae Byam Davis, 95, of Grinnell died Wednesday, July 14, at St. Francis Manor.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Grinnell Christian Church, with the Rev. John Epperson officiating. Pianist was Lorna Lang, and vocalists were Jared, Susanna, Martha and Lorna Lang, Marlene Toney and Barb Chitwood.

Pallbearers were Jerry, Paul, Ray and Steve Lang; C.R. "Kit" Sanders; Marvin Stoker; and Curtis Younkin. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

She was the daughter of Howard and Alla Cummings Byam and was born Dec. 29, 1903, in Sioux Rapids. She was raised there and was a 1921 graduate of Sioux Rapids High School. She attended Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls and later taught school.

She was married to Albert Len Davis Nov. 29, 1923, in Spencer, and they farmed in Buena Vista County until 1931. They moved to Storm Lake in 1933, and she was a homemaker and self-employed seamstress. She retired in 1984 and moved to Grinnell.

While in Storm Lake, she was a member of the First Baptist Church and Women's Fellowship. She was also a 50-year member of the Eastern Star. In Grinnell, she was a member of the Grinnell Christian Church where she was active with class fellowships. She also was a member of the Searchlight Club. She had been a resident of St. Francis Manor since October 1994.

Survivors include three children, Ancil Davis of Everett, Wash., Norma Lang of Grinnell and Betty Sanders of Sun City West, Ariz.; one sister, Clara Brown of Grinnell; nine grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and one brother, Perry Byam.

Memorial contributions may be directed to her church or St. Francis Manor.

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