

Eleanor Evans (RALPH)

Eleanor L. "Betty" Evans, 86, of Lynnville died Friday, July 3, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the Lynnville Friends Church, with the Rev. Marvin Miller officiating. Burial was in Friends Cemetery, Lynnville, with the Harden Funeral Home of New Sharon in charge of arrangements.

She was the daughter of George Washington and Rosalie Josephine Nichols Smith and was born Sept. 22, 1911, in Grinnell. She was raised and educated in Grinnell and attended Grinnell High School. She worked at the Grinnell Glove Factory and also traveled with an area carnival group.

She was married to Ralph Evans in Searsboro. They lived there and in Sully. During World War II, they moved to Texas where Mr. Evans was involved in the manufacture of aircraft components. They also lived for a short time in Long Beach, Calif. After the war they

moved to Grinnell for a brief time before moving to Lynnville in 1948.

They operated the Evans Grocery Store in Lynnville until their retirement in 1969, then spent the next several years traveling to Texas and Washington State. In 1976 they moved to the Macy Apartment Building.

Mrs. Evans was a member of the Lynnville Friends Church where she had taught vacation Bible school and also helped in the church kitchen. She was also a member of the Lynnville Chamber of Commerce, the Order of Eastern Star and the Lynnville Women's Club.

Surviving are two sons, Dale of San Francisco and Dennis of Newton; one daughter, Barbara Kay Paul of Lynnville; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, Dawson and Arthur Smith; and two sisters, Mildred Appleton and Orlena Weer.

Memorials may be made to the Lynnville Friends Church or the Lynnville Friends Cemetery.

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