

(GEORGE W.)

MR December 4, 1996

Ellen Harbison

Ellen Louise Harbison, 82, of Grinnell died Sunday, Dec. 1, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Keith Briggs, pastor of the Grinnell First Friends Church, officiating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler, and pallbearers were Duane Klink, Jim McMahon, Raymond Parker, Harold Rehberg, Paul Rehberg and Jim Williamson.

Burial was in Westfield Cemetery.

The daughter of William Henry and Dora Schooley Watkins, she was born Feb. 3, 1914, in Grinnell. She was a 1932 graduate of Grinnell High School.

She was married to George White Harbison Aug. 28, 1937, and the couple lived in Grinnell. Mrs. Harbison was employed by the DeLong Glove and Jacket Factory, retiring in 1974. She was a member of the First Friends Church.

Surviving are her daughter, Karen Rehberg of Mesa, Ariz.; three grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son, Michael; two brothers, Murray and Howard Watkins; and one sister, Wilma Hodge.

An Ellen L. Harbison Memorial Fund has been established.

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Ellen L. Harbison, 82, of Grinnell, died on Sunday, Dec. 1, 1996 at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 1:30 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Rev. Keith Briggs of First Friends Church will officiate. Organist will be Margaret Wheeler and music selections will be "Amazing Grace", "In the Garden" and "How Great Thou Art". Pallbearers will be Duane Klink, Jim McMahon, Raymond Parker, Harold Rehberg, Paul Rehberg and Jim Williamson. Burial will be in Westfield Cemetery in Poweshiek County. The family will receive friends at the Grinnell First Friends Church, Highway 146 south, following the committal service at the cemetery.

Ellen Louise Harbison, daughter of William Henry and Dora Schooley Watkins, was born February 3, 1914 in Grinnell. She was raised in Grinnell and was a 1932 graduate of Grinnell High School.

She was married to George White Harbison on August 28, 1937, at the home of Robert Lincoln in Grinnell and the couple made their home in Grinnell. She was employed with DeLong's Glove and Jacket Factory and retired in 1974. She was a member of the Grinnell Friends Church.

Ellen enjoyed socializing with her family and friends, playing cards, crocheting and traveling. Her family was very important to her and her love for her grandchildren was immeasurable.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, George in 1987; her son, Michael in 1949; two brothers, Murray and Howard Watkins; and one sister, Wilma Hodge.

Ellen is survived by her daughter, Karen Rehberg of Mesa, Arizona; three grandchildren, Paul Rehberg of Dupon, Illinois; Kathy McMahon of Baxter; and Lynn Mackerman of Lexington Park, Maryland; and ten great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ellen L. Harbison Memorial Fund.

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