



## Grinnell woman fatally injured in traffic accident

Ona E. Jones, 91, of Grinnell died Tuesday, July 10, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center of injuries she received in a car accident.

Funeral services are set for 1:30 p.m. Friday at the First Friends Church, with Del Coppinger, retired superintendent of the Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends; Tom Palmer, pastor of the Salem Friends Church; and Dr. Dennis Palmer officiating. Casket bearers will be Del Coppinger; Gary and Terry Lowry; Randall Nichols; and David, Dennis and Tom Palmer.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday. The family will be present from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be at Westfield Cemetery south of Grinnell.

She was born July 10, 1910, in the Oak Grove area south of Grinnell to B.N. and Susan Lincoln Whitaker. She was raised on the family farm and attended rural school.

She moved with her family to Grinnell in 1924 and was a 1927 graduate of Grinnell High School. She also attended the Four Cs Business College in Des Moines, then worked for the J.D. Shiflet Law Firm in Grinnell.

She was married to Virgil D. Jones Sept. 18, 1938, in Lancaster, Mo. They lived in Grinnell and owned and operated the Grinnell Livestock Exchange. She worked as a sales clerk for the business.

Mrs. Jones was a member of the Grinnell Lady Elks and attended First Friends Church.

One sister, Bessie Palmer of Grinnell, survives. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and one sister, Mary L. Whitaker.

Memorial contributions may be directed to her church or the Westfield Cemetery Association.

On Monday, July 9, at 8:55 p.m. Grinnell Police received numerous calls of an injury accident at the intersection of 4th Street and Pentrose Street, in Grinnell.

Responding officers observed a single vehicle that had run head-on into a tree. The vehicle had sustained severe damage. The driver of the vehicle was found in the vehicle conscious and alert with obvious injuries to her left leg and right arm.

The driver was identified as Ona Jones, 91 years of age, of Grinnell. The driver of the vehicle had also apparently struck a house and an air conditioner unit at 917 Seeland Dr.; a sidewalk light; and another tree before colliding with the tree that stopped the vehicle.

Mrs. Jones was transported to GRMC by Mid West Ambulance. Investigating officers checked with the hospital at 11 p.m. on the condition of Mrs. Jones and were advised that she was still being evaluated.

At 5 a.m. Tuesday, July 10, officers again checked with the hospital and were advised that Mrs. Jones had passed away at approximately 12:40 a.m., apparently from complications due to injuries sustained in the accident.

Mrs. Jones was not wearing her seatbelt at the time of the accident and there was no alcohol involved. Mrs. Jones' vehicle was a 92 Buick LeSabre, 4-door, gold in color. The vehicles drivers side airbag had deployed during the accident.

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