

**Merrilee
Meredith**

(Melvin)

Merrilee Meredith, 85, died of a heart ailment Sunday, Sept. 16, at St. Francis Manor.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Grinnell, with the Rev. Stanley L. Meade officiating. Organist was Betty Debban, and vocalist was Mary Ann Ringgenberg.

Pallbearers were Robert Gruening; Matthew, Douglas, Ryan and Gregory Meredith; and Daniel Zumwalt.

Burial was in Slagle Cemetery southeast of Newton, with the Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell in charge of arrangements.

The daughter of William and Helma Berggren Ponder, she was born May 18, 1903, in the Murphy community in Jasper County. She attended Slagle School and Newton Central High School.

On March 12, 1924, she was married to Melvin Marshall Meredith in Newton.

The couple farmed in the Lynnville and Searshoro areas. Following her husband's death, Mrs. Meredith moved to Grinnell in 1969.

While in the Searshoro area, she was a member of the Searshoro Friends Church, the PTA and the Garden Club. In Grinnell she was employed by Grinnell College's housekeeping department. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and the R&R Club.

Surviving are three sons, Harold of Kellogg, Gene of Columbia, Mo., and Larry of Ankeny; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son, Keith; and two brothers, Joseph and Alfred Ponder.

Memorials may be made to the Grinnell First Baptist Church or to St. Francis Manor.

Sept. 17, 1988
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