Kathryn Main, 79


Her funeral was Wednesday, Dec. 9, at Grinnell United Methodist Church with Rev. Del Dawes and Rev. Judy Wadding officiating.

Organist Margaret Wheeler with Denise Baustian playing hand bells accompanied Bill Surbrug to “Hymn of Promise,” “He Lives,” “The Lord’s Prayer,” and “Great Is Thy Faithfulness.”

Kenneth Johnson, Ron McKeag, Chuck Reeves, Kenneth Steffen, Roger Steffen and Roy Steffen were casket bearers.

Honorary casket bearers were Donald Brannian, Dr. Brian Heineman, Arthur Keller, Robert Molison, Lyle Nesselroad, Paul Robison, Sonny Schneekloth, Owen Wenger and Everett Wood.

Interment was in Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcom.

Mrs. Main was born March 7, 1919, in Malcom to James and Genevieve McKeag. She was raised in Malcom, graduating with the Class of 1938 from Malcom High School as salutatorian.

Following high school, she was employed at the Malcom Library and the Molison Farming Operation.

On June 14, 1941, she married Millard S. Main in Memphis, Mo. They spent most of their married lives farming in Poweshiek County. The family moved to Brooklyn in 1975. There, Mrs. Main worked at Brooklyn Mutual Telephone Company and the Brooklyn Library until 1986.

For the past few years, she lived at the Mayflower Home in Grinnell.

Her hobbies were baking cookies, pies and cakes; canning, needlework, gift-giving, flower and vegetable gardening, bird-watching and watching college basketball. She was an Iowa Hawkeyes fan. She also enjoyed animals, especially her dog, Buddy, a Norwegian elkhound.

Preceding Mrs. Main in death were her parents, her husband, a son, Jim; a sister, Erma McKeag and four brothers, Kenneth, Earl, Raymond and Harold McKeag.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Miriam and Ken Saunders of Grinnell; her sister, Fern Steffen of North English; two sisters-in-law, Grace McKeag of Malcom and Dorothy Olson of Grinnell and many nieces and nephews.

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Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with the Revs. Del Dawes and Judy Wadding officiating. Music was provided by Margaret Wheeler, organist; Bill Surbrug, vocalist; and Denise Baustian, handbells player.

Casket bearers were Kenneth Johnson, Ron McKeag, Chuck Reeves and Kenneth, Roger and Roy Steffen. Honorary bearers were Donald Brannian, Brian Heineman, Arthur Keller, Robert Molison, Lyle Nesselroad, Paul Robison, Sonny Schneekloth, Owen Wenger and Everett Wood.

Burial was in Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcom, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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She is survived by her daughter, Miriam Saunders of Grinnell, and one sister, Fern Steffen of North English. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son, Jim; one sister, Erma McKeag; and four brothers, Kenneth, Earl, Raymond and Harold McKeag.