

Cornelia Palmer

(HAROLD C.)

Cornelia Grace Palmer, 85, of the Mayflower, formerly of the Gilman and Newburg areas, died Monday, Aug. 10, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at the Newburg-Chester United Church of Christ, with the Revs. Ken Wallace and Homer Perry officiating. Music was provided by Alice Renaud, organist; Krystal Randall, clarinetist; and members of the Newburg-Chester United Church of Christ Choir. Pallbearers were Kelley Lacina, Kayla Bogenrief, Krystal Randall, Karla Sperry, Kyle Lacina, Cindy Taylor, Rebecca Keenan and Jeff Palmer.

Burial was in Rose Hill Memorial Garden Cemetery, Marshalltown, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The daughter of Joseph Homer and Elsie Fenner Chenowith, she was born June 8, 1913, near Newton. She moved to a farm near Vandalia, Mo., in 1916, and was a 1932 graduate of Vandalia High School. She then taught school and was employed by a dress factory in Vandalia.

She was married to Harold C. Palmer March 28, 1937, at her parents' home in Vandalia. They farmed in the Gilman and Newburg areas for many years before moving to the Mayflower in 1993.

Mrs. Palmer was a member of the Newburg-Chester United Church of Christ and the Women's Fellowship. She served on the church council and was a former Sunday school teacher.

She was a member of the Gilman Senior Citizens and Church Women United and was a former 4-H leader.

Surviving are one daughter, Leta Grace Lacina of Gladbrook; one son, Ralph of Cedar Rapids; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and two brothers, Marion Chenowith and Carl Snyder.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church or to the Mayflower Health Care Center.

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