

Ruth F. Phipps (WILLIAM)

Ruth F. Phipps, 68, of 2305 E. 19th St. N., Newton, died of a pulmonary embolism Friday, June 12, at Mercy Hospital Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were conducted Monday morning at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. David Green, pastor of the Grinnell Assembly of God Church, officiating. Burial was in Rock Creek Cemetery.

She was born Aug. 14, 1929, in Brooklyn to Guy and Elizabeth Davenport Benton. She was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School in 1946. She lived in Kellogg and worked for the telephone company in Newton and for Midwest Manufacturing Co. in Kellogg.

She was married to William Phipps Sept. 10, 1960, in Unionville, Mo. The couple lived in the Quad Cities area, and she worked for area restaurants. The couple moved to Newton to retire in 1995.

Mrs. Phipps was a member of the Moose Lodge of Newton.

She is survived by her husband; one daughter, Connie Lakin of Newton; two sons, Bruce Johnson of Ira and Phillip Johnson of Waterloo; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one brother, Emory Benton of Duluth, Minn.; and two sisters, Jeanette Wiley of Montezuma and Maxine Farmer of Queen City, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Robert and Harold Benton.