

Ada Schnell, 97

Ada Carrie Schnell, 97, of Brooklyn, formerly of Dysart, died Nov. 1 at Grinnell Regional Medical Center, Grinnell, after a long illness.

Services were Nov. 6 in Dysart United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Donald Bogue officiating. Burial was in Brooklyn Cemetery. Overton Funeral Home of Dysart handled arrangements.

Ada was born June 11, 1904, in Brooklyn, to Ernst and Velma (White) Busch. She attended country school in Madison Township, then worked on the family farm near Brooklyn.

On March 5, 1929, she married Wayne F. Andes in Gilman, and they lived on her family's farm. She worked at a Brooklyn drug store. Her husband died Aug. 30, 1946.

On Sept. 20, 1949, she married William Schnell in Waterloo. The couple lived all of their married life in Dysart, where they cared for his sons, who were still at home. Bill died July 4, 1967.

Ada was a homemaker for much of her life and worked at Hallberg's grocery for several years. She also did babysitting.

She belonged to United Methodist Church in Dysart and enjoyed flower gardening and crocheting. She had moved to Brookhaven Nursing Home in Brooklyn in April 1999 and most recently had been a patient at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Survivors include three stepchildren, Dean Schnell of Bemidji, Minn., Allen Schnell of Cedar Rapids and Ardith Bull of Dysart; a sister, Velma Roudabush of Brooklyn; 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Harry Busch and Alvin Busch, and a sister, Clara Gray.

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