Dorothy Benesh, 84

Dorothy Benesh, 84, of Grinnell, died on Sunday, December 19, 2004, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

A funeral service will be held 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 22, at the Grinnell Christian Church, with the Rev. Jon Epperson officiating. Burial will be at the Union Cemetery in Newton.

The casket bearers will be her grandchildren, Edward Grattan, Lynn Nixon, John Tool, Todd DeSmidt, Laura Grimes, Robert Williams, Michael Jones, Angie Jones, Robert Williams and Eric Williams.

Memorials may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice, the American Cancer Society or St. Francis Manor and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

The daughter of Frank and Anna Wherry Benesh, Dorothy was born on July 25, 1920, in Atkins. She attended school in Guernsey.

On March 25, 1938, she married Chester M. Jones in Oskaloosa. The couple lived in Brooklyn, and they were the parents of four children, Maretta, Norlene, Wayne and VyDee.

She was a member of the Southside Club of Brooklyn. In 1958, the family moved to Newton, where she worked at a variety store and for Spurgeon’s Department Store for 30 years. She moved to St. Francis Manor in July 2004.

Dorothy enjoyed raising parakeets, and she always had a large flower and vegetable garden. She also enjoyed sewing and quilting.

She is survived by two daughters, Maretta Grattan of Grinnell and Vy Tool-Christianseen of Rapid City, S.D.; one son, Wayne Jones of Indian Rock Beach, Fla.; ten grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; one sister, Sarah Michalek of Victor and one brother, Loyal Benesh of Brooklyn. She was preceded in death by her parents and one daughter Norlene DeSmidt-Williams.