Emily N. Gorsch, 83

Emily Naomi Gorsch, 83, passed away Friday, May 7, 2004, at the Mayflower Care Facility in Grinnell from complications of diabetes.

Her funeral service was Monday, May 10, at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma, with the Rev. Cary VanKampen, Hospice Chaplain, officiating. Interment was at Hazelwood Cemetery, Grinnell.

Casket bearers were Brian Allen, Stephen Berg, Don Croghan, Greg Croghan, Kevin Crady and Brian Heckman.

Honorary casket bearers were Christine Berg and Rebecca Allen.

Emily was born July 31, 1920, the daughter of Robert and Anna Bowden. On June 27, 1945, she married Dale Gorsch of Marengo. Emily was born and lived most of her life on the family farm near Deep River. She was a homemaker and a long-time member of the Willing Workers Club. She enjoyed crocheting and making quilts for her children and grandchildren. After retiring from farming in April of 1991, they moved to Grinnell.

She is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, Dale, and their four children, Dale Gorsch of Marengo, Sheryl Allen of West Des Moines, Gayle Light of Grinnell, and Karen Crady and son-in-law Larry Crady of Grinnell; four grandchildren, Christine Berg of Iowa City, Brian Allen of West Des Moines, Stephen Berg of Iowa City and Rebecca Allen of West Des Moines; three nieces, Madelyn Pennington of Martensdale, Kathie Croghan of Knoxville and Sherri Heckman of Troy, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Lois Lewis of Eddyville, Vera Roeder of Brooklyn, Mildred Bowden and Helen Bowden, both of Montezuma.

Memorials in Emily's name may be directed to the Grinnell Outreach Dialysis Unit, 803 Broad Street, Grinnell.

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