

Lucille I. Manatt, 91

Lucille I. Manatt, 91, of Grinnell, died Sunday, September 19, 2004, at the St. Francis Manor Nursing Home in Grinnell.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 22, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, with the Rev. Dan Ogata, a retired minister of the Presbyterian Church, officiating. Interment will be in the Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery.

The casket bearers will be Paul Wagner, Jason Wagner, Nicholas Wagner, Alex Gonzalez, Daniel Gonzalez and Eric Bailey.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church in Grinnell.

Mrs. Manatt, the daughter of Eugene William and Golda Decker Hughes, was born on October 21, 1912, in Campbell, Minnesota. She moved to Iowa at an early age with her parents, and she attended schools in Guernsey, Victor and Hartwick. She graduated from Hartwick High School in 1929.

She married Henry E. Manatt on March 22, 1930, in Grinnell. The couple lived their entire married life on a farm near Brooklyn where Lucille enjoyed working in the yard. She always had a big vegetable garden and lots of flowers. She enjoyed sewing, making a lot of her own clothes, making beautiful quilts for her family, and taking an interest in the many activities that her granddaughters and a great-grandson were involved in.

Her husband died on October 3, 1981. Mrs. Manatt moved to Grinnell in March 1985.

She was a long-time member of the Brooklyn Presbyterian Church where she taught Sunday school for 20 years and served as a church deacon. After she moved to Grinnell, Mrs. Manatt transferred her membership to the First Presbyterian Church in Grinnell. She was active in the women's fellowship groups.

Mrs. Manatt also served as a 4-H leader in Warren and Bear Creek townships. She was the women's chairman for the Farm Bureau in Warren Township and Poweshiek County, and she served on the Poweshiek County Extension Committee. She was a volunteer for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program in Grinnell.

Mrs. Manatt is survived by her son, Eugene, and his wife, Nancy, both of Newton, and her daughter Joyce Doonan and her husband, Jerry, of Grinnell; four granddaughters, Joan Randall of Olathe, Kansas, Jill (Mrs. Paul) Wagner of Grinnell, Beth (Mrs. Alex) Gonzalez of Dublin, Ohio, and Jan (Mrs. Eric) Bailey of St. Cloud, Minnesota; eight great-grandchildren, Emily Randall, Jason and Nicholas Wagner, Daniel, Lucy and Emma Gonzalez, and Katelyn and Rachel Bailey; two sisters, Edith Martenson of Marengo and Marlene Gritsch of Grinnell; her brother, Loren Hughes of Pittsburg, California; several nieces, nephews and other relatives; and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; four brothers, Cloyd Hughes and Melvin Hughes, and in infancy, Elza and Merle.



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