

Lillian T. Vance

Lillian T. Vance, 88, of 1617 West St., Grinnell, died of lung cancer Friday, Jan. 6, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Lon Lewis officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner, and harmonica soloist was Madison Tomfeld.

Pallbearers were her grandchildren, David Sears, James Sears, Pam Montgomery, Dan Sears, Jeffrey Sears, Christopher Sears, Steven Vance, William Vance, Mary Rodriguez, Laurie Vance, Kristine Schossow and Janet Brutsman.

Burial was in Chester Cemetery. Memorial contributions in her name may be made to Hospice Grinnell or to her church.

The daughter of Cyrus and Cora Test Tow, she was born Jan. 16, 1906, at Norway, Iowa. She was raised on the family farm and attended rural school. She later graduated from LeGrand High School and took art courses at the University of Northern Iowa.

She was married to Stanley L. Vance April 6, 1927, in Greenwood, Neb. They operated a dairy farm and farmed until 1935 when they moved to a farm near Dysart. The Vances operated their dairy farm until retiring in 1971 and moving to Grinnell.

While living in Dysart, Mrs. Vance was a member of the Eastern Star and was active in 4-H work. In Grinnell she was a member of the United Methodist Church and taught art at the Senior Citizens Center and Adult Care Center.

Surviving are two daughters, Shirley A. Sears of Grinnell and Ellen Brustman of Golden Valley, Minn.; one son, John S. Vance of Glen Allen, Mo.; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Margery Peterson of Liscomb and Florence Towe of Wibaux, Mont.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one great-grandson; two brothers, Kenneth and Ted Tow; and two sisters, Margaret Tow and Dorothy Bauer.

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