

Opal Duncan *CHR 8-12-10*



Opal E. Duncan, 88, of Grinnell died Sunday, Aug. 8, 2010, at Brooklyn Community Estates in Brooklyn, Iowa.

A funeral service will be held Friday, Aug. 13, at 10:30 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Walt Claussen, pastor of Newburg-Chester Congregational Church, officiating. Pallbearers will be Chris, Jeremy and Steve Duncan, Mike Henry, Phil Lender and Lisa Morgan. Honorary bearers will be Tami Andreassen, Joe Appleby, Cheri Crum, Dan and Greg DeHoedt, Bill Henry, Lori Powers, Elizabeth and Wesley Smith, Jo-Cindy White and Heather Young. Burial will be in Jackson Township Cemetery at Montezuma.

Visitation will be held at Smith Funeral Home on Thursday from 12 to 8 p.m. with family members present from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Opal E. Duncan Memorial Fund.

She was born Jan. 18, 1922, in Deep River, the daughter of Christopher J. and Dorothy Martin Lender. She was raised in Montezuma where she attended school. On Dec. 7, 1940, she was united in marriage with Clarence "Rollie" Duncan in Oskaloosa. They resided in the Grinnell area and she was employed as a unit secretary at Grinnell General Hospital, retiring in 1985, after which she for several years was employed at Four Winds Motel in

Grinnell.

She is survived by her sons and daughters, Faye Smith of Waterloo, Lucy DeHoedt of Simpsonville, S.C., Robert Duncan of Watauga, Texas, Deb Dursky of Ottumwa, Duane Duncan of Okinawa, Barbara Duncan of Richman, Calif., Rick Duncan of Hudson, Wis., and Vicki Smith of Chicopee, Mass.; 16 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two daughters, Ollie Duncan and Ruth Henry; one son Jim Duncan; four sisters, Melissa Mitchell, Lois Stag, Mary Bortell and Minnie Forbes, and one brother Martin Lender.

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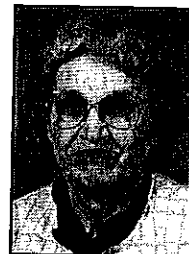
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Opal enjoyed embroidering and cross stitching, gardening and flowers, and was an avid reader.

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