

Clara M. Wallis



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Clara M. Wallis, 93, of Grinnell, died on Friday, April 22, 2011, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service will be held 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 26, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Rev. Walt Claussen, pastor of the Newburg-Chester Congregational Church. Pianist will be Barbara Chitwood. Casket bearers will be John Breeden, Dennis Carnahan, Mark Doty, Gary Halverson, Delmar Sharp and Clark Weaver. Honorary bearers will be Richard Bailey and Charles Carnahan. Interment will be at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Friends were invited to call at the Smith Funeral Home beginning 12 noon on Monday, with the family present 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday.

Memorials may be directed to the Clara Wallis Memorial Fund.

Clara was born on Nov. 28, 1917, on the family farm near Newburg to Ralph and Ethel Vaughn Foster. She attended rural school and graduated from Newburg High School with the Class of 1935.

On Dec. 25, 1939, she married Lawrence Wallis at her parent's home near Newburg. The couple operated a grain and livestock farm near Newburg and they worked as a team in all aspects of the farm operation. She was also a homemaker and mother of three children.

Clara was a member of the Newburg-Chester Congregational Church and the Women's Fellowship of the church. She was also a member of the Newburg Progress Club and the Iowa Farm Bureau. She enjoyed cooking, reading, sewing, gardening and family activities. While living at St. Francis Manor she enjoyed social activities, especially bingo.

Survivors include her children, Gary Wallis of Sherman, Texas, Sheryl Anderson of Grinnell and Marilyn Cram of Fleming Island, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; two sisters, Doris Binegar and Edna Ericson; and three brothers, Wilbur, Orville and Benny Foster.