

Wilma Ryan Lincoln

Wilma Ryan Lincoln, 95, of Grinnell, went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Friday, February 10, 2012, at the Mayflower Community Health Care Center in Grinnell.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 18, at the First Friends Church in Grinnell with the Rev. Todd Follette, pastor of First Friends Church, and the Rev. Keith Briggs and the Rev. Howard Lord, both retired, officiating. Pianist will be Kathleen McCune. Pallbearers will be Russell, Larry, Dan and Mitch Lincoln, Bob Betts, and Andrew and Asher Heuss.

Honorary bearers will be Lincoln Larson, Jake and Ethan Cline, Cole Jacobson, Cameron Foster, Bryant Crowe, Ed Rainous and Jeff Clark. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation with the family present will be held from 5:00 to 8:00 Friday evening at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Quakerdale youth home.

Wilma was born to Jay and Cora Metz Ryan on September 14, 1916, in Chelsea, Iowa. She graduated from Grinnell High School in 1934. After attending Cedar Falls State Teachers College during the summer of 1935, she taught country school in the Grinnell area for two years before marrying Warren Lincoln on June 19, 1937.

After their wedding, she farmed with her husband on the Lincoln family farm located south of Grinnell until they moved to Grinnell in 1973. She, along with Warren, was an active member of Farm Bureau, served in various roles at Oak Grove Church, and in later years, enjoyed attending meetings of the Blue Point Club. After their retirement, she and Warren spent winters in Brownsville, Texas, where they enjoyed dancing, shelling on the beach and trips into Mexico with their many dear friends.

She was an avid reader, a beautiful seamstress, and a wonderful cook. She also enjoyed traveling, doing handwork, spending time with her family and friends, listening to her family sing, and working in her large flower and vegetable gardens until close to the age of 90. She was a faithful wife and mother, and a gracious friend to everyone she met. Her family will remember her unapologetic way of looking you right in the eye and saying, "I love you!"

Wilma was preceded in death by her husband, Warren Lincoln; her infant daughter, Larita Beth; her parents, Jay and Cora Ryan; and her siblings, Harry Ryan, Warren Ryan, Wayne Ryan, Alta Ryan Buck and Marjorie Ryan Halstead.

She is survived by four children, Sharlene (William) Betts of St. Petersburg, Florida; Donald (Harriet) Lincoln of Larkburg, Colorado; Greg (Gloria) Lincoln of Grinnell; and Rita (Timothy) Heuss of Johnston; thirteen grandchildren; thirty-one great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.



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