

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

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Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 27, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Keith Morrison, Grinnell Regional Hospice chaplain, officiating. Organist was Barb Chitwood and vocalist Rhonda Minner. Pallbearers were Daryl, Leon and Roger Beck and David, Kimberly and Randy Cooper. Honorary bearers were her 19 great-grandchildren. A family burial will be held at a later date at Hickory Grove Cemetery near Newburg.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice or Newburg-Chester Congregational Church.

Betty was born May 20, 1919, in Newburg, the daughter of Wesley Ray and Lottie Reynolds Smith. She grew up in Newburg and attended school there.

On Oct. 14, 1936, she was united in marriage to Everett T. Cooper, in Newton. The couple operated a grain, livestock and dairy farm in rural Jasper County until their retirement in 1995. Her husband passed away in 2003 and she moved to Seeland Park in Grinnell in 2004.

She attended both the Hickory Grove Church and Newburg-Chester Congregational Church. She was a member of the Newburg-Chester Ladies Aid, Hickory Grove Homemakers, Jasper County Farm Bureau, Mid-American Dairy Association, Kellogg Co-op and the Kellogg Historical Society.

Betty's life was centered on her family and farming. She loved the outdoors helping with the farm chores, gardening and canning her produce. She enjoyed crocheting, baking and entertaining her family in her home.

Survivors include her children, Larry (Sandy) Cooper and Karen Beck, all of Grinnell; 6 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one granddaughter, Teresa Cooper; one brother, Luverne Smith; and one sister, Virginia Harrod.

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Visitation with the family present will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

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