

Ruth E. Lee, 85



Ruth Elizabeth Lee, 85, of New Sharon, died at Grinnell Regional Medical Center in Grinnell on Friday, April 7, 2006.

Her memorial service was Tuesday, April 11, at Watts Fu-

neral Home in Montezuma with Pastor Boyd Sparks of the United Church of Deep River officiating. Interment was at Golden Rod Cemetery, Deep River. Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma was in charge of the arrangements.

Ruth was born Aug. 24, 1920 at the family farm near Deep River, the daughter of William Henry and Rachel (Atherton) Schrader. Ruth was baptized at the Methodist Church in Deep River.

She graduated from Deep River High School in 1937. On Aug. 7, 1940, she was united in marriage with Grover Franklin Lee of Missouri. They were divorced in 1965 and she returned to the Grinnell/Searsboro area. In her early life she worked as a telephone operator for the Deep River Telephone Company. After moving back to the Grinnell area she worked for 15 years as a custodian for Davis School in Grinnell until back problems made her take early retirement. Ruth was always happiest when she was outside working with flowers and her garden or just going fishing. In 1984 her folks moved to the New Sharon Care Center, so she spent much time going to visit them every day.

Survivors include a cousin, Camilla, and her husband, Del Fink, of Marion, and other relatives and many close friends.

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