

## Geneive R. McIlrath, 89



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Her funeral service was Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the Grinnell Christian Church. Smith Funeral Home of

Grinnell was in charge of the arrangements. Interment was at Prairie View Cemetery in Gilman.

Casket bearers were her grandsons, Patrick Brown II, Jeff Larsen, Joel Larsen, J. Harley McIlrath III, Jeremy McIlrath, Justin McIlrath, James Williams II and John Williams.

Honorary bearers were her granddaughters, Michelle Brown Appel, Jennifer Williams Beck, Julie McIlrath Bennis, Jill Brown Krausman, Kimberly Kaisand Miller and Sara Larsen Roorda.

Geneive was born the daughter of Dave and Lena Shaw Iske on March 27, 1916 near Newton. She was a graduate of the Laurel High School with the class of 1933. On Jan. 1, 1936 she was married to James Harley McIlrath in Marshalltown and to this union were born six children. The couple farmed in the

Newburg and Grinnell area.

Geneive's family described her as a loving mother and best friend. She was one who always made the best of every situation. Geneive held a special love for her family and, in her final days, they brought a sparkle to her eyes when they visited her.

She is survived by her children, Sharon (Ron) Johnston of Grinnell, James (and Patricia) McIlrath II of Grinnell, Nancy (and James) Williams of Grinnell, Marlene (and Dale) Larsen of Grinnell, Kathleen (and Patrick) Brown of Grundy Center and Stanley (and Pam) McIlrath of Grinnell; 17 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; her sister Theodora Shaver of Newton; her sisters-in-law Maxine Iske of Grinnell and Jeannette Iske of West Liberty and several nieces and nephews.

Geneive was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harley, on May 8, 1999; her brothers, Charles, Theodore, Francis, Carroll, Harold, Paul Eugene, Kenneth and Jack Iske; her sisters, Irene Huffaker and Edna Williams.

Memorial contributions in her name may be directed to the Geneive McIlrath Memorial fund to benefit Grinnell Regional Hospice and the Grinnell Christian Church.

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She is survived by her six children, Sharon Johnston, James McIlrath II, Nancy Williams, Marlene Larsen, and Stanley McIlrath of Grinnell and Kathleen Brown of Grundy Center; 17 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren and one sister Thedora Shaver of Newton. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband; eight broth-

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Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home today (Monday), where the family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m.

She is survived by her children, Sharon Johnston, James McIlrath, Nancy Williams, Marlene Larsen and Stanley McIlrath, all of Grinnell, and Kathleen Brown of Grundy Center; 17 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; a sister, Theodora Shaver of Newton; and several nieces and nephews, plus an extended family that includes two sisters-in-law.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Geneive McIlrath Memorial Fund to support Grinnell Regional Hospice and the Grinnell Christian Church. Condolences may be submitted on-line via the Smith Funeral Home website, [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com)