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Marie A. DeBoef



Marie A. DeBoef, 87, of Grinnell, died Monday, June 4, 2018, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

A graveside service was held at Thursday, June 7, at Forest Cemetery in Oskaloosa with Pastor Jim Dotson officiating. Visitation was held prior to the service at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

Memorials may be designated to Grinnell Regional Hospice and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with his family online at www.smithfh.com.

Marie was born on March 26, 1931, in Prairie City, the daughter of William and Maida Bell Charles Elrod. She was raised on a farm south of Prairie City and attended a county grade school. She was a graduate of Prairie City High School in 1949 and then attended Drake University.

On Feb. 20, 1951, she married Virgil DeBoef at the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church in Prairie City. They lived in New Sharon; were stationed in San Diego, Calif., during Virgil's military service; and later settled on the family farm in Prairie City.

Marie stayed home to raise her children and work on the family farm. Faith was important to her; she was a dedicated Sunday school teacher and volunteered for many different Christian ministries during her lifetime. Swedish Weaving was her passion and her children and grandchildren were the recipients of many blankets that were made with love for her family. Virgil and Marie retired to Grinnell from Albert Lee, Minn., in 2001.

Marie is survived by four children, Wayne DeBoef of Tulsa, Okla., Lee DeBoef Smith of Grinnell, Daniel DeBoef of Mitchellville, and James DeBoef of Rochester, Minn.; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, siblings, husband Virgil in 2004, and two grandsons.