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5-27-2019 Lorene A. Morrison

Lorene A. Morrison, age 94 of Grinnell, died on Thursday, May 23, 2019, at the Mayflower Community Health Care Center in Grinnell.

Visitation was held from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 28th, in the Carman Center of the Mayflower Community, 600 Park Street in Grinnell. A celebration of her life was held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 28, in the Carman Center of the Mayflower Community with the Rev. John Epperson officiating. A reception followed the service in the Buckley Dining Hall of the Mayflower Community. A private family interment will be held at Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcom.



Memorials may be designated Grinnell Christian Church Mission Fund or to the Mayflower Community Human Needs Fund, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with Lorene's family online at www.smithfh.com.

Lorene was born on January 27, 1925, in rural Grinnell, Iowa; the daughter of Herbert G. and Rose M. (Selle) Pearce. She was raised in the Grinnell area and was a 1942 graduate of Grinnell High School.

On January 2, 1943, she was united in marriage with William R. Morrison at her parent's home on Elm Street in Grinnell. The couple had five children, William R., Jr., who died in infancy, Rebecca, Terry, Jack, and Tom. Lorene loved living and raising their family in the rural area of Grinnell. She loved the animals on the farm and all aspects of country living, including being a 4-H Leader. Later in her retirement, Lorene shared her love of animals by writing fictional stories of animal adventures for her great grandchildren.

Lorene began her working career at age 15 in a grocery store while in high school, and while raising their children, she worked at Rexall Drug, Harrison's Variety Store, Graham's, Malcom Lumber Yard in Malcom, Hamman's Apparel, and Dori's Fashions. Nearing retirement age, William and Lorene moved to town and continued working past the age of 70 until her health became a factor. Lorene loved meeting and helping people. Faith was very important to Lorene and her strong Christian faith had been a considerable influence in her daily life. Lorene taught Sunday School and Bible School at the Ewart Presbyterian Church. While a Mayflower resident she was a faithful attendee at Sunday Services, Chapel, and Prayer Circle.

Lorene is survived by her children, Rebecca (Gary) Downey, Terry (Sonja) Morrison, and Jack (Jackie) Morrison all of Grinnell, and Tom Morrison of Jefferson City, Missouri; seven grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; one sister Evelyn Greiner of Kerrville, Texas; and one sister-in-law Margaret Morrison of Grinnell. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, William R. in 2008; son, William, Jr., in infancy in 1947; and four sisters, Virginia Pearce (in infancy), Verona Foster, Carolyn Krumm, and Doris McIlrath Detrick.