

Frances J. Barker



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Frances J. Barker, 85, of Mason City, formerly of Grinnell, died Saturday, Aug. 5, 2006, at Good Shepherd Health Center in Mason City.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, Aug. 9, at First Congregational Church in Mason City with the Rev. Jo Frahm-Watkins, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment was Thursday, Aug. 10, in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell. Memorials may be made to First Congregational Church in Mason City.

She was born Feb. 15, 1921, in Grinnell, the daughter of Charles Morey and Nellie Frances Cooper Pilgrim. She grew up in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School in 1938. She was married to D. Keith Barker on May 5, 1942, in Grinnell. During their marriage, they lived in Wallace, Idaho, and in Dubuque, Clinton, Oelwein and Mason City, Iowa, where her husband was district manager of Interstate Power Company. She was an active member of First Congregational Church; Chapter KW, P.E.O.; Mason City Country Club and other community and social organizations.

She is survived by two sons, Douglas A. Barker of New Albany, Ohio, and Thomas L. Barker of Iowa City; three granddaughters and two brothers, James Pilgrim of Clinton and Richard Pilgrim of Nevada. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one son Richard J. Barker, one brother Charles Pilgrim and one sister Marilyn Pilgrim.