

Zella B. Benson



Zella B. Benson died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006, at Mayflower Health Care Center with her family by her side.

A memorial service will be held Monday, Nov. 13, at 11 a.m. in Carman Center at Mayflower with the Rev. John Saxton officiating. Memorials may be made to the Mayflower Human Needs Fund. Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.smithfh.com.

She was born April 22, 1908, in State Center, the daughter of Corydon and Mary Olive Buck. She was a graduate of Lamoille High School and attended business college in Des Moines. On Nov. 19, 1934, she was married to Carl Benson at the Little Brown Church near Nashua. They lived in Marshalltown until 1937 when they moved to Grinnell to make their home. Together they owned and operated the Benson Turkey Farm south of Grinnell from 1937 to 1973. After retiring, they enjoyed trout fishing, camping and traveling. After the death of her husband in 1984, she continued to live on the family farm until 1996 when she moved to Mayflower.

She was a member of the United Church of Christ-Congregational. She enjoyed cooking, reading, listening to music, crafts, counted cross stitch, crocheting, knitting, and spending time with family members and friends.

She is survived by one daughter Sally Maring of Grinnell; one son David Benson of Grinnell; six grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one daughter, Linda Thomas, a great granddaughter Marilyn McClure; four brothers and five sisters.

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