

Mary "Mac" Dean



Mary (Mac) Dean, 85, of Grinnell died Monday, May 15, 2006, at Friendship Manor.

A private burial will take place at Hazelwood Cemetery. Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home on Thursday beginning at 12 noon with family members present from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice and sent to Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell IA 50112. Condolences to the family may be sent via www.smithfh.com.

She was born Nov. 13, 1920, in Grinnell to Clarence and Arminda Keenan Garrett. She was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1939. During World War II she worked in an ammunition plant in Newton. On June 25, 1946, she was married to Carroll W. Dean in Atchison, Kan. The couple made their home in Grinnell and she worked at Swift & Co., the Grinnell Shoe Co. and Miracle Recreation. From 1969 to 1986 she worked as a metal preparer at Thomberts, Inc., in Newton.

She was a member of Local 997 of the United Auto Workers, the Grinnell Eagles Club and the Tama Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. She enjoyed playing cards and bingo at the the Grinnell Senior Center, and had played softball and bowled when younger.

She is survived by two sons, Garrett W. Dean of Springfield, Mo., and Larry W. Dean of Albuquerque, N. M.; two daughters, Meredith Davis and Michella Kelso, both of Grinnell; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and one sister Betty Dale of Grinnell. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother Clarence Garrett and six sisters, Roberta Garrett, Martha Garrett, Bonnie Tiedemann, Bernice Zaugh, Maude Hagensick and Tony Hobbs.