

Leona A. Earnhart



Leona A. Earnhart, 84, died Monday, Oct. 23, 2006, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held Thursday, Oct. 26, 2006, at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Len Eberhart and the Rev. Del Dawes officiating. Casket bearers were Anna Earnhart, Lonnie Watkins, Chelsey Earnhart, Tonja Watkins, Colby Earnhart, Brenden Thompson, Shane Earnhart, Cammie Thompson and Jim Swan. Interment was at Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice or to the Shriners' Hospital in St. Louis, Mo. Online condolences may be made to www.smithfh.com.

She was born Sept. 8, 1922, the daughter of Charles and Margaret Schrieber Mayer, in Union, Mo., where she was raised and received her education. She was married to William C. Earnhart on Dec. 23, 1944, in Union and they became the parents of three children, Donna, Dale and Dean. She was employed there with the Bourbouse Shoe Company. The family moved to Grinnell in 1962 and she became employed in the shoe department at Wal-Mart in 1989.

She was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, American Legion Auxiliary, Rebekah Lodge and Holly chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, now located in Malcom. She also had been a past matron of Naomi chapter, Order of Eastern Star, in Union.

Her hobbies included quilting, crafts and fishing. With her husband, she had enjoyed dancing to Big Band music and camping throughout the area.

She is survived by one daughter, Donna Ridgeway of Ben Lomond, Calif., two sons, Dale Earnhart of Searsboro and Dean Earnhart of Montezuma; six grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband William in 1989 and one sister Erna Berger.

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