

Vivian Worthy Hance

Vivian Worthy Foster Hance, 83, of Oskaloosa, formerly of Grinnell, died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2006, in the Long-Term Care Unit of Pella Regional Health Center.

A memorial service was held Friday, Dec. 29, at St. Paul Congregational United Church of Christ in Oskaloosa with the Rev. Thomas Burkhardt officiating. Burial of her cremains took place following the memorial service in Forest Cemetery in Oskaloosa. Memorials may be made to St. Paul Congregational United Church of Christ.

She was born Feb. 23, 1923, in Oskaloosa, the daughter of Herbert and Jesse Ellen Brubaker Worthy. She graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1940. She attended Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls, now the University of Northern Iowa, for a short while after which she served as nanny and housekeeper for several Grinnell families. She was united in marriage with Wilbur Foster on June 25, 1943, and together they farmed east of Kellogg and north of Grinnell. She also managed Elmhurst Country Club in Oskaloosa. Her husband died Oct. 29, 1966. She was united in marriage with Robert E. Hance on May 13, 1974. She continued to manage Elmhurst Country Club for 26 years. Her husband died on April 16, 1997. She managed the Fairfield Country Club for seven years, and later owned and operated Vivian's Tearoom for eight years. She moved to the assisted living facility in Pella in 1998.

She was a member of St. Paul's Congregational United Church of Christ, P.E.O., and the Iowa Club Managers Association. She enjoyed spending time with her family and preparing meals.

She is survived by one daughter, Phyllis Danks of Pella; three sons, Bill Foster of Glendale, Ariz., Dale Foster of Des Moines and David Foster of Corydon; nine grandchildren; three great grandchildren, one brother, Curtis Worthy of Burlington and three sisters, Charlotte Rudkin of Wichita, Kan., Adah Hunziker of Pella and Donna Holland of Newton. She was preceded in death by her parents, her two husbands, four sisters, Darlene and Arlene Worthy in infancy, Francene Sears and Marjory Cloyed and two brothers, Robert and Keith Worthy.

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