

## Arlene B. Smith



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Arlene B. Smith of Grinnell died Monday, Sept. 25, 2006, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, Sept. 30, at 10:30 a.m. at Victor Baptist Church with the Rev. Dan Andrews officiating. Interment will follow in Victor Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Victor Baptist Church. A memorial fund has been established for

Victor Baptist Church or East Iowa Bible Camp. Nevenhoven Funeral Home in Brooklyn is in charge of arrangements.

Arlene Byrle Horras Smith was born Aug. 25, 1921, near Sigourney to Roy Samuel and Minnie Christina Cox Horras. She received her education in schools in Sigourney and Millersburg, graduating with the class of 1939 from Millersburg High School. She was married on Sept. 21, 1940, in Killduff to Melvin Lloyd Smith. They were the parents of four children, Dean, Kenneth, Linda and Rhonda. They farmed at Killduff, Ottumwa, Millersburg, North English, Victor and Brooklyn, moving to Grinnell in 1998.

She was a member of Victor Baptist Church. She was a hard-working farm wife who enjoyed quilting, sewing, homemaking and cooking.

She is survived by her husband, Melvin of Grinnell; two sons, Dean of Grinnell and Ken of Newton; two daughters, Linda Gross of Victor and Rhonda Klaassen of Brooklyn; one sister Irene Smith of North English; 13 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Orville, Howard, Marvin and Dale Horras and two great grandchildren.

## Arlene Byrle Smith, 85

Arlene Byrle (Horras) Smith, 85, of Grinnell, went to be with her Lord, September 25, 2006. Services were held at 10:30 a.m. on September 30, at the Victor Baptist Church. Pastor Dan Andrews officiated and interment was in Victor Memorial Cemetery. The musician was Carol Alba and Andrew Gross was song leader. Casket-bearers were Troy Smith, Nathan Smith, David Gross, Andrew Gross, Christopher Klaassen and Garry Smith.



Arlene Byrle, an identical twin to Irene Myrle, was born August 25, 1921, in rural Sigourney, to Roy and Minnie Horras. She received her education in Sigourney and Millersburg, graduating in 1939. On Sept. 21, 1940, Arlene and Irene married brothers, Melvin and Leroy Smith, having a double wedding ceremony in Killduff. Both couples recently observed their 66th wedding anniversary.

Since moving to Brooklyn in 1959, she was a member of the Victor Baptist Church, active in Missionary Society, White Cross work, and welcoming missionaries and guest speakers to stay in their home.

Arlene was a housewife, mother, and Melvin's faithful helper in all aspects of the farming operation. She loved to drive the tractor and work in the field. Her gardens were large, and pantry full. Guests were always welcome at their table for food or a competitive game of dominoes. Arlene was an excellent seamstress, making clothes for her children and grandchildren. She was meticulous in all she did, often saying, "Be the labor great or small, do it right or not at all." In her later years she set out to make quilts for her 13 grandchildren, but 40 some quilts later, she left her thimble, needle and thread on the night stand at the nursing home.

Arlene and Melvin were blessed with four children, Dean (Jane) Smith of Grinnell, Ken (Donna Jo) Smith of Newton, Linda (Ed) Gross of Victor, and Rhonda (Charlie) Klaassen of Brooklyn; thirteen grandchildren; and twenty-seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Orville, Howard, Marvin, and Dale; and two great-grandchildren, Gabriella Blycker and Matthew Doubleday.

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