

Juanita Clara Meek



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Juanita Clara Coy Meek, 86, of Grinnell died Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service will be held Friday, April 27, at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Kirsten Klepfer, pastor, officiating. Organist will be Lyn Howerzyl and vocalist will be Michael Oxley. Casket bearers will be Suzy Oxley, Jeff and Abigail Oxley, Kim and Bruce Kline, and Sheralynn and David Kass. Interment will be in Hazelwood Cemetery. Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home starting at noon on Thursday; family members will be present from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be directed to First Presbyterian Church.

She was born June 14, 1920, in Des Moines to Harry and Willie May Goforth Coy. She was raised in Des Moines, attending Des Moines schools, and following her education worked as a waitress in the Des Moines area. On

Dec. 25, 1940, she was married to Kenneth R. Meek. They lived in Oskaloosa and Des Moines, and during World War II she resided in Des Moines while her husband served in the United States Army. Following the war, they lived in Grinnell and Sedalia, Mo., where they operated the Dixie Caramel Corn Shoppe. In 1953 they returned to Grinnell where she worked as an operator for General Telephone Company. Her husband represented State Farm Insurance Company, and she assisted him with the administrative duties of the agency for many years.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Grinnell, serving as a deaconess of the church as well as secretary of its Mariners Club. She enjoyed baking pies, sewing, fishing, camping and boating. Her family and friends were very important to her.

She is survived by her daughter Sally Oxley of Columbus, Neb.; two sons Steve Meek of Grinnell and Harry Meek of Montezuma; four grandchildren; three great grandchildren and one brother, Gerald Coy of Menifee, Calif. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one brother Harry Coy Jr. and one sister Elsie Jones.