

Virginia Blackwell



Virginia R. Blackwell, 83, of Iowa City and formerly of Grinnell died on Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2007, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

Funeral services for Virginia

Blackwell were held at 10:30 a.m. today (Monday) at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with burial following in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Born May 17, 1924, in Ewart, she was the daughter of Loyd and Cora M. Clinkenbeard Freeborn. She attended rural schools in Ewart.

She worked at Grinnell College as a switchboard operator for many years and also at Bates Flowers in Grinnell. She was involved with the Eastern Star. For the last three years, she lived at Legacy Pointe in Iowa City.

She spent her leisure time in the garden, on trail rides, sewing, knitting, camping and playing cards. She loved canning the produce from her garden.

She is survived by two sisters, Eloise Lender of Rockford, Ill., and Darlene Turner of Nichols, Iowa, as well as several nieces and nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Mark Blackwell; a granddaughter; and two brothers, Eugene and Russell Freeborn.

Memorials may be directed to the Iowa Lions Eye Bank and sent in care of Smith Funeral Home.

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