

Helen Brubaker



Helen Brubaker, 94, of Searsboro, died Friday, Dec. 28, 2007, at her home.

A funeral service took place Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008, at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Brian

Chitwood of Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Organist was Kathleen McCune and vocalist was Barbara Chitwood. Pallbearers were Angel Denham, Jarod, Jeff and Justin Dillon, Tim McGerr and Ben, Kristin and Nick Ziegenmeyer. Honorary pallbearers were her great grandchildren. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

The daughter of William Franklin and Arissa Ellen Cooper Stuart, she was born Oct. 31, 1913, in Kellogg. She was raised in Grinnell and was a 1933 graduate of Grinnell High School. On April 6, 1935, she was united in marriage with Everett LeRoy Brubaker in Rock Island, Ill. They lived in Grinnell for several years before moving to his parents' farm near Blue Point in 1943. They moved to their current farm north of Searsboro in 1955. They retired from farming full-time in the early 1980s.

She enjoyed family activities and entertaining her family in her home. She also enjoyed working with her hands whether in doing farm chores, gardening, cooking, embroidering or quilting. In addition she enjoyed fishing, camping and traveling with her family.

She is survived by three children, Betty Dillon of Grinnell, Larry Brubaker of Smyrna, Tenn., and Kathy Bourn of New Sharon; one sister, Faye Vogt of Grinnell; nine grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren and eight great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son Dennis Brubaker and one granddaughter, Denise Brubaker.

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