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Hazel Crooks



Hazel Crooks, 98, of Grinnell died Sunday, Nov. 18, 2007, at Mayflower Health Care Center.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, Nov. 20, at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Len Eberhart, pastor of United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Grinnell Library Building Fund.

The daughter of Charley and Flossie Haynes Pickering, she was born Dec. 29, 1908, in Putnam County, Mo. She was raised and educated in Unionville, Mo. She moved to Grinnell in the mid-1920s where she was married to Garfield Webb in July of 1927; they later were divorced. On April 15, 1933, she was married to Allen Crooks and they resided in Grinnell where she was employed at the Grinnell Glove Factory, retiring in 1964. She then did babysitting and housesitting for several Grinnell families.

She was a long-time member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church.

Reading was one of her life-time passions and cooking one of her great enjoyments. When she had dinner guests, it wasn't just for a meal: it was a gourmand's extravaganza. Her travels took her throughout the United States that she was proud to call home. She visited Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, Europe and the former Soviet Union. Her first visit to Europe was highlighted by Atlantic crossings on the famed ocean liners, the Queen Mary and the Queen Elizabeth. Football and basketball were her entertainment priorities, especially Iowa and Iowa State Universities: she was a true-blue fan of the Hawkeyes and the Cyclones. She enjoyed playing cards and dominos while socializing with family members and friends. She thoroughly enjoyed her life.

She is survived by her son James Webb of Gilman; three grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband and two sisters, Marie Turney and Delsina Norris.

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Funeral services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 20, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery, also in Grinnell.

Visitation with the family present will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Survivors include a son, Jim Webb of Gilman; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Grinnell Library Building Fund.

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