

Ellen I. Ashing

Ellen I. Ashing, 88, of Gilman died of complications from cancer Wednesday, April 25, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with Bill and Carol Iammatteo-Code, co-pastors of the Gilman Community United Church of Christ, officiating. Pianist was Mickey Pickens, and vocalist was Pamela Ashing.

Casket bearers were Robert and Steven Ashing, Henry Hovenga, Mark Kingery, and Carroll and George Taylor. Honorary bearers were Leslie and Pamela Ashing, Terry Collins, Susan Hovenga, Jean and Scott Kingery, and Charles Taylor. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery near Lynnville.

She was born May 16, 1912, near Lynnville to William and Nora Swain Taylor. The family moved to Grinnell, and she attended rural schools.

She was married to Lester Ashing March 17, 1932, in Newton. They farmed near Grinnell until 1957 when they moved to Gilman. While in Gilman, they owned and operated the Gilman Blacksmith Shop until their retirement in the late 1980s.

Mrs. Ashing was a member of the Gilman Community United Church of Christ, the 20th Century Club, the Rebekah Lodge, the Gilman Senior Citizens and the Gilman Fireettes.

Surviving are her husband; two sons, Bill of Gilman and Larry of Grinnell; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, George and Edward Taylor; and one sister, Mabel McClintic.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Gilman First Responders.

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