

Fern Bailey



Fern Bailey, 82, of Grinnell died of a lung ailment Thursday, April 11, at Friendship Manor.

A graveside service was conducted Saturday at Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Rev. Kenneth Wallace, pastor of the Newburg-Chester Congregational Church, officiating. Soloists were Kristin Morrison and Marty Duffus. Casket bearers were her grandchildren, Michael Gould, Wendi Ward, Andrea George, Kristin Morrison, Nicholas Bailey and Sara Wray.

She was born March 31, 1920, near Douds to John and Frankie Bennett Bailey. She was raised on the family farm and attended rural school.

She was a 1938 graduate of Selma High School and also attended one year of college.

She was married to Clyde Bailey Aug. 17, 1940, in Agency. They farmed in Van Buren County and moved to Grinnell in 1947. She worked at a law firm and was a caseworker for 28 years with the Department of Human Services.

Surviving are one daughter, Jean Gould of Gilman; one son, Keith of Grinnell; two sisters, Fae Schewe of Douds and Lena De Rosia of Tualatin, Ore.; two brothers, Larry Sadler of Diamond Springs, Calif., and Russell Sadler of Grinnell; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Her parents and two brothers, Hal and John Sadler, preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

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