

Jean Beaver



Jean Beaver, 80, of the Mayflower died of a stroke Saturday, April 27, at her home.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Del Dawes officiating. Organist will be Kathleen Heffner. A private family graveside service will be held at Hazelwood Cemetery.

She was born Oct. 21, 1921, at McPherson, Kan., to Albert and Bertha Higgins Oberst. She was raised on the family farm near Conway, Kan., and later moved to McPherson where she graduated from high school. She graduated from McPherson College in 1943 as salutatorian with a major in organic chemistry. She worked as a food chemist and for a Texas natural-gas pipeline company.

On Jan. 9, 1943, she was married to Floyd E. Beaver. They moved to Grinnell in 1947, and the couple owned and operated the Beaver Veterinary Clinic from 1947 to 1979.

She was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, the PEO, the Grinnell Regional Medical Center Auxiliary and the Grinnell Historical Museum Board, serving as treasurer of the board.

Surviving are three sons, Paul of Independence, Mo., Steven of Omaha, Neb., and John of Santa Ana, Calif.; three grandchildren; one brother, Dr. Fayne Oberst of Barefoot Bay, Fla.; and one sister, Ann Klem of Modesto, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents.

Memorial contributions may be directed to her church, the Grinnell Historical Society or the Grinnell Regional Medical Center Auxiliary.

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