

Martha Coppock



Martha C. Coppock, 87, of Grinnell died of cancer Tuesday, Jan. 1, at St. Francis Manor.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Stavanger Friends Church near Dunbar, with the Rev. Marc Jackson officiating. Organist will be Barbara Tininenko, and casket bearers will be Steven Buchmeier, Brent Coppock, Russ McCaig, Michael Philben, and David and Susan Springer. Burial will be at Stavanger Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home beginning at 9 a.m. Friday. The family will be present from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday.

She was born May 25, 1914, in Dunbar to Corney and Nellie Olson Johnson. She was raised in Dunbar and graduated from Dunbar High School. She also received nurse training at the former Deaconess Hospital in Marshalltown.

She was married to Ralph I. Coppock March 28, 1937, in Marshalltown. They lived near Dillon and later moved to Gilman where they operated a grain and livestock farm. Mrs. Coppock worked at the J.C. Penney Department Store in Marshalltown and in food service in the Gilman School District. From 1970 to 1976, she worked at the Gilman Post Office. She moved to Grinnell in 1995 and resided at Seeland Park.

She was a life member of Stavanger Friends Church and attended the Gilman Community United Church of Christ. She was also a member of the Tuesday Progress Club in Gilman.

Surviving are one daughter, Ann Buchmeier of Grinnell; one son, Ronald of Wichita, Kan.; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and one sister, Nettie Marie Johnson.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice, Stavanger Friends Church or Quakerdale.

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