

Etta Bernice Dayton

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May 30, 2001
Etta Bernice Dayton, age 95, died May 24, 2001, at St. Francis Manor. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 29 in Smith Funeral Home, Grinnell. The Rev. Bob Zirkelbach of Grace Community Church in Grinnell officiated. The Dayton grandchildren sang "Be Not Afraid" and "How Great Thou Art," and Marilyn Kriegel played the organ. Pallbearers were Clark Dayton, John Dayton, Mark Dayton, Jim Dayton, Tom Dayton, Garry Dayton, Bill Dayton,

David Dayton, Chris Rutherford and Daniel Whited. Honorary pallbearers were Kim Dayton, Loretta Dayton, Mary Jo Seaton, Diane Kinseth, Louise Billmeyer, Carol Dayton, Ellen Hoffman, Teresa Dayton, Barbara Boots, Sally Mills, Patricia Lang, Annette Dayton, Nancy Dayton, Tammy Rutherford and Carrie Witt. Burial was in Brooklyn Cemetery. Family and friends were received at the Malcom Legion Hall following the burial.

The daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Catherine Bertie Roudabush Force, Bernice was born Nov. 13, 1905, on the family farm near Brooklyn. She was raised in the Brooklyn area and was a 1924 graduate of Brooklyn High School. She later attended Drake University and received her LPN.

She was married to Raymond Dayton in August of 1924 in Brooklyn, and the couple farmed west of Brooklyn. In 1932, they moved to a farm north of Malcom prior to moving to Malcom in 1936. Bernice later moved to Grinnell in 1948, where she owned and operated the Lone Elm Nursing Home until her retirement in 1972. She had been a resident of St. Francis Manor since March of 2000. She was a member of the Grace Community Church in Grinnell. She was also a former member of the Grinnell Chamber of Commerce and past president of the Iowa Nursing Home Association.

Bernice will be remembered for her strong work ethic and generosity. She instilled in her family the value of hard work and through her examples many people have been blessed by such values. She enjoyed the outdoors, gardening, canning and sewing.

Survivors include her children, Marvin of Montezuma, Wayne of Grinnell, Eugene of New Sharon, Lawrence of Malcom, and Roberta of Milan, Ill.; one sister, Daisy Miller of Grinnell; 25 grandchildren; 60 great-grandchildren; and 21 great-great-grandchildren.

Her parents, a daughter, Lucille Innis; one brother, Earl Force; two sisters, Blanche McIlrath and Viola Lineweaver; and two grandchildren, Randy Dayton and the other in infancy, preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the E. Bernice Dayton Memorial Fund.

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Interment was in Brooklyn Cemetery, Brooklyn. Memorial contributions may be directed to the E. Bernice Dayton Memorial Fund.

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