

Ruth (Goreham) Deppe, 83

Ruth (Goreham) Deppe, 83, of Grinnell died Saturday, June 1, 2002, at Boulder Community Hospital, Boulder, Colo. of a heart attack while visiting family.

A funeral service was held Friday, June 7, at the Smith Funeral Home, Grinnell, with the Rev. Raymond Lott officiating. Burial was at Pleasant Township Cemetery, Ewart. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Grinnell Senior Center and MICA food pantry.

Pallbearers were Duane Beeler, Larry Deppe, Hollis Elliott, Sha Goreham, Bob Modlin and Matt Siebert.

The daughter of John "Bert" and Emily (Jeffery) Thompson, she was born April 29, 1919, at Grinnell. She was raised in Grinnell and was a 1938 graduate of Grinnell High School. She was married to Lyle Goreham July 2, 1938, at the

Little Brown Church in Nashua. The couple farmed near Malcom and later Toledo prior to moving to Grinnell in 1946. She was employed with several grocery stores in Grinnell and later was employed as license clerk with the Iowa D.O.T. She retired in 1982. After the death of her husband in 1972, she was married to Gerald Deppe Sept. 27, 1986, at Grinnell. The couple continued living in Grinnell and for several years, she worked part-time at Ben Franklin's. She was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist church, Grinnell Lady Elks, and the Victor Grange.

Survivors include her husband, Gerald of Grinnell; three children, Gary Gorcham of Montezuma; Sherry Argo of Marshalltown; and Sue Elliott of Newton; four step-children, Sherry Berry of Altoona; Diane Van Dyk of Broomfield, Colo.; Marla Modlin of Kellogg; and Debra Campbell of Grimes; seven grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and nine step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband and one brother, Alfred Thompson.

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