

Betty M. Grandstaff *BC Nov. 3, 1999*

Graveside services were held Saturday morning, Oct. 30, at Westfield Cemetery, rural Grinnell, for Betty M. Grandstaff, 73, of Grinnell, who died Oct. 27, 1999, at Pella Regional Health Care. The Rev. Tim Stewart of First Baptist Church, Grinnell, officiated, and interment was in Westfield Cemetery.

The daughter of William and Henrietta Gertsma Sille, Betty was born June 24, 1926, in Kellogg. She was raised in Monroe and was a 1942 graduate of Monroe High School. She received her teaching certificate at Iowa State Teacher's College in Cedar Falls and taught in rural schools in Jasper County.

She was married to Fred L. Grandstaff Jan. 19, 1946, in Missouri. The couple farmed near Mt. Auburn, LaPorte City and Van Horne prior to moving to a farm near Grinnell in 1951.

She kept busy raising her family while keeping up with the everyday chores on the farm. She was a member of the Grinnell Historical Society and National Audubon Society.

Betty held a real love for nature and the outdoors. She had a desire to plant trees and flowers and a genuine care for the well-being of animals. She was an avid reader, loved to learn, and held an interest in research. She enjoyed pottery, knitting and sewing, and her passions included genealogy and rocks.

Her parents and one son, Vern J. "Jerry" Grandstaff, preceded her in death.

Survivors include her husband, Fred, of Grinnell; two daughters, Leigh Johnson of Jacksonville, Fla., and Laura Horn of Sterling, Va.; one brother, Dean Sill, of Monroe; two sisters, Darlene Marshall of Monroe and Miriam Woods of Cedar Rapids; and one granddaughter, Shawna Johnson.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Grinnell Historical Society.

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