

BESSIE JUNE GRAY

(Robert R.)

Graveside services for Bessie June Gray, 73, of Des Moines, were held July 21, at Lower Blue Point Cemetery, southeast of Grinnell. Pallbearers were Rick Carlson, David Gray, Dennis Gray, James Hauser, Robert Parkhurst and Sean Sayre.

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Bessie was the daughter of Miles and Rosetta Belle Terry Parkhurst, and was born Jan. 18, 1915, at Pawnee, Mo. As a young girl she lived in Davis City, where she received her education. During World War II she and her family lived in Grinnell, but most of her life was spent in the Des Moines and Marshalltown areas.

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She is survived by her husband, Robert R. Gray of Des Moines; her sons, Gary Gray of Des Moines and Robert Gray of Marshalltown; six grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, a sister, Blanche Querrey of Osceola; and several nieces and nephews.

Bessie died July 19 at Iowa Methodist in Des Moines.

Bessie Gray rites Thursday

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Bessie Gray, 73, of Des Moines, formerly of Grinnell, died of cancer Tuesday, July 19, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

Graveside services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Lower Blue Point Cemetery southeast of Grinnell, with the Rev. Bruce E. Wittern, pastor of Easton Place United Methodist Church in Des Moines, officiating. Pallbearers were Rick Carlson, David Gray, Dennis Gray, James Hauser, Robert Parkhurst and Sean Sayre.

Friends may call the Smith Funeral Home for additional information.

The daughter of Miles and Rosa Belle Parkhurst, she was born Jan. 18, 1915, at Pawnee, Mo. She was raised and attended school at Davis City.

She was married to Robert R. Gray at Wichita, Kan. The family lived in Grinnell before moving to Des Moines. Mrs. Gray was a homemaker and for seven years had worked at Iowa Film Depot in Des Moines.

She is survived by her husband, Robert; two sons, Gary of Des Moines and Robert of Marshalltown; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one sister, Blanche Querrey of Osceola. She was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister.

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