

Helen B. Johnson

Helen B. Johnson, 77, of Grinnell died Sunday, Sept. 8, at St. Francis Manor.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Jan R. Burnett, pastor of the Living Faith United Methodist Church of Tama, officiating. Organist was Alice Renaud, and soloist was Roger Kendall.

Pallbearers were Stan Johnson, Mike Shope, Tony McKinley, Matt Sullivan, Rick Burkett and Greg Greiner. Honorary bearers were Jim Hotchkin, Jerry McGinnis, Ray Meldrem, Jim Rose, Tom Vaughn and Stan White.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

The daughter of Fred and Laura Snow Hagenlock, she was born March 21, 1919, in Grinnell, where she was raised and received her education.

She was married to LeRoy W. Johnson April 24, 1935, in Montezuma. They farmed near Montezuma before returning to Grinnell in 1937. Mrs. Johnson was employed at Grinnell Shoe Company and later at DeLong Sportswear for several years. With her husband, she owned and operated Duffy's Tavern from 1959 to 1980.

She was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist church, a knitting club, a local bowling league and the Newton Moose Lodge Auxiliary.

Surviving are two children, Fred of Grinnell and Darlene Shope of Tama; seven grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and one sister, Dorothy Hagenlock.

A Helen B. Johnson Memorial Fund has been established.

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