

Ruth Renaud

(Warner)

Ruth M. Renaud, 82, of Grinnell died Saturday, Dec. 25, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Del Dawes officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner, and soloist was Pat Larson. Pallbearers were Tom Lacina; John Mehlin; Brent, Jim and Scott Renaud; and Don Sidie.

Veterans ceremonial rites were conducted by members of the Grinnell American Legion, with burial in Hazelwood Cemetery.

The daughter of John Henry and Jessie Jay Ford Mehlin, she was born Oct. 8, 1916, in Grinnell. She was raised here and was a 1934 graduate of Grinnell High School. She received a B.S. degree in commerce from the University of Iowa in 1938.

She enlisted in the WAVES in October 1942, attended storekeeper school in Milledgeville, Ga., and was stationed in New York. She was discharged in September 1944 so that she could return home and care for her mother.

She was married to Warner Earl Renaud Oct. 10, 1945, in Grinnell. They farmed in Grant Township until their retirement in December 1981. They moved to their present home in Grinnell in 1984.

Mrs. Renaud had been employed in the catalog department at Sears and also worked as a bookkeeper for Roger Roland and Bill Martin.

She was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Iowa Veterans Grinnell Unit No. 45, Phi Gamma Nu, Chester Grange and Westfield Ladies Aid. She was a former Camp Fire Girls leader and was active with 4-H and PTA.

Surviving are her husband; four children, Tom of Higbee, Mo., Bill of Houston, Texas, Patty Trnka of Rochester, Minn., and Linda Renaud of Huron, S.D.; three grandchildren; one step-grandson; and one great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Al Mehlin.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church or to the American Cancer Society.