

Ferne Sarver, 89

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Ferne L. Sarver

Ferne L. Sarver, 89, of Grinnell died March 17, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at First Friends Church, with the Rev. Tim Stewart of the First Baptist Church and Pastor Evelyn Larsen of First Friends officiating. Organist was Kathy McCune, and harpist was Jeannie Chenette.

Pallbearers were Christopher and Jonathan Larsen and Brent, Bryce, Matthew and Nicholas Sarver. Honorary bearers were Denise Harris, Tamara Terpstra, Laurie Larsen and Kathryn Sarver.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

She was the daughter of Bert C. and Amanda Jane Beery Hoskins and was born Dec. 6, 1909, in Shambaugh, Iowa. She attended Mt. Jay Rural School, Clarinda High School and Oskaloosa High School. After graduating, she studied for one year at John Fletcher College, University Park, and at Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls.

She was married to Gerald A. Sarver Aug. 28, 1933, and they lived in the Searsboro area. Her teaching career began at Mill Grove Rural School north of New Sharon, and she then taught at Searsboro Consolidated School for many years.

In 1964 she received her B.A. degree from William Penn College. She moved to Grinnell and taught in the Grinnell-Newburg School District until her retirement in 1971 after nearly 30 years in education.

She was a member of First Friends Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Sandra Willemssen of Grinnell; two sons, Gerald of Hot Springs, Ark., and Randall of Hot Springs Village, Ark.; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one daughter, Wanda Larsen; four brothers; and one sister.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Friends Church, First Baptist Church or Grinnell Regional Hospice.

Ferne L. Sarver, 89, died March 17, 1999 in Grinnell.

Her funeral was Saturday, March 20 at First Friends Church in Grinnell. The Rev. Tim Stewart of First Baptist Church in Grinnell officiated.

Music was "When Peace Like a River" and "Because He Lives," performed by organist Kathy McCune and Jeannie Chenette, harpist.

Pallbearers were Christopher Larsen, Jonathan Larsen, Brent Sarver, Bryce Sarver, Matthew Sarver and Nicholas Sarver. Honorary bearers were Denise Harris, Tamara Terpstra, Laurie Larsen and Kathryn Sarver.

She was laid to rest in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Mrs. Sarver was born Dec. 6, 1909 in Shambaugh, the third of six children of Bert C. and Amanda Jane Beery Hoskins. She attended the little rural school of Mt. Jay near Shambaugh, Clarinda High School and Oskaloosa High School.

Upon graduation, she had her teaching certificate but was too young to teach, so she continued her education at John Fletcher's College at University Park for one year and then at State Teachers' College in Cedar Falls.

She married Gerald A. Sarver Aug. 28, 1933 and the couple made their home in the Searsboro area.

Her teaching career began at Mill Grove Rural School north of New Sharon. She then taught at Searsboro Consolidated School for many years. In 1964, she earned her bachelor's degree from William Penn College in Oskaloosa. She moved to Grinnell and taught in the Grinnell-Newburg School District until her retirement in 1971, with almost 30 years in the education field.

Mrs. Saver was a member of the First Friends Church of Grinnell, where she was active in a weekly Bible study group. She enjoyed gardening and crafts and she was an avid traveler, having visited all 50 states and every continent except Antarctica. She was also a homemaker. And, one of her greatest interests was contacts with her former students and their children.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, Gerald; one daughter, Wanda Diane Larsen; four brothers and one sister.

Mrs. Sarver is survived by her daughter, Sandra Willemssen of Grinnell; two sons, Gerald B. Sarver Hot Springs, Ark. and Randall K. Sarver of Hot Springs, Ark.; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to the First Friends Church, First Baptist Church or Hospice of Grinnell.

March 31, 1999

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