

(Robert I. Prather)

(Richard)

Jelene Watkins

Jelene Watkins, 72, of 1810 Belmont Ave., Grinnell, died of respiratory arrest Saturday, June 14, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Bob Zirkelbach, pastor of the Grace Community Church, officiating. Pallbearers will be Barry Huff, Scott Kellogg, Brian Nohava, Greg Prather, Shawn Prather and Doug McVey. Burial will be in Lower Blue Point Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Blue Point Church at Heritage Park in Grinnell.

She was the daughter of Fred and Grace McDowell Taylor and was born July 15, 1924, in Grinnell. She was a 1942 graduate of Grinnell High School.

In 1945, she was married to

Robert J. Prather in Fredericksburg. The couple lived in Detroit and, later, Brighton, Mich., where she worked for Bell Telephone. Following the death of her husband in 1956, she returned to Grinnell and worked for General Telephone Co. She was married to Richard Watkins March 25, 1961, in South Sioux City. The couple lived in Grinnell where she worked at Grace Community Church and was past president of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Surviving are her husband, two sons, Robert "Rick" Prather of LeGrand and David Prather of Victor; one daughter, Linda Prather of Pella; six grandchildren, one great-granddaughter; and two sisters, Roberta Oltrogge and Doris Grovenburg, both of Grinnell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband and one brother, Clark Taylor.

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