

Viola Watkins

Viola Schooley Watkins, 86, of Bloomfield, formerly of Grinnell, died Tuesday, June 29, at Davis County Hospital Long-Term Care Facility.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Stanley Swinney, pastor of the Dunnville Baptist Church near Bloomfield, and the Rev. David Green of the Grinnell Assembly of God officiating. Organist will be Alice Renaud. Pallbearers will be Arthur Fleener and Bill, David, Philip, Ronald and Wayne Schooley.

Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Grinnell Assembly of God or the Dunnville Baptist Church.

The daughter of Arthur and Telatha Reeves Fleener, she was born June 18, 1907, in

Searsboro. She was a 1926 graduate of Grinnell High School.

She was married to Harold E. Schooley March 12, 1927, in Montezuma. The couple lived in Grinnell where she worked for the glove factory and later at the Grinnell College Forum. Mr. Schooley died in 1964, and she was married to Howard Watkins, Dec. 3, 1972, in Nashua. They continued to live in Grinnell until his death in 1989, and Mrs. Watkins moved to Bloomfield.

Surviving are one son, Arthur of Bloomfield; a stepson, Richard Watkins of Grinnell; a brother, Ralph Fleener of Grinnell; a sister, Nellie Van Almkerk of Grinnell; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, two brothers and two sisters.

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