

Bessie I. Wright



Bessie I. Wright, 88, of 1632 Garfield Ave., Grinnell, died of congestive heart failure Thursday, June 20, at her home.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Del Dawes officiating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler, and vocalist was Marty Duffus. Casket bearers were Greg Bryan, Cyril Gallagher, Pat Gallagher, Tracy Jensen, Ray Lang and Clark Weaver.

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

She was born Sept. 8, 1913, in Poweshiek County to Charles and Mary Henry Bryan. She attended Grinnell schools.

She was married to Vursel Martin Wright in Sully, and the couple farmed in Sheridan Township. In 1943, they moved to a farm on the southeast edge of Grinnell.

Mrs. Wright was a homemaker and assisted with the farm operation.

She was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church and the women's society of the church. She also coordinated funeral receptions at the church for many years. She was a 4-H leader and a volunteer for Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Surviving are one daughter, Barbara Lucas of Tijeras, N.M.; one son, Martin of Grinnell; one brother, William "Abe" Bryan of Grinnell; and five sisters, Hazel Brim, Ruth Mithelman, Margaret Osborn and Clara Halstead, all of Grinnell, and Sally Todd of Polson, Mont.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents; and four brothers, Alvin, Robert, Roy and Ray Bryan.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church, Grinnell Regional Hospice or Grinnell Regional Home Health Care.