

Dorothy J. Stone, 83

Dorothy J. Stone, age 83, of Grinnell, died on Wednesday, June 5, 2013, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

A funeral service was held at 10 a.m., Monday, June 10, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Pastor Bonnie Koeppen, pastor of the Sheridan United Methodist Church, officiating. Pallbearers were Boyd Francis, Mark Allen, Brian Graham, Darren Walton, Dennis Akins, Steve Jones and Jacob Howe. Interment was in Sheridan Cemetery north of Grinnell.

Memorials may be designated to the Sheridan United Methodist Church, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with Dorothy's family at www.smithfh.com.

Dorothy was born on Dec. 6, 1929, in rural Iowa County near Victor, to Alva Henry Neitzel and Emma (Meyer) Neitzel. She was raised near Guernsey and she graduated from Guernsey High School with the class of 1948.

She was united in marriage to Virgil Henry Stone on May 14, 1948, in Victor. The couple lived in the Grinnell area all of their married lives and Dorothy worked at Grinnell Regional Medical Center as a nurse's assistant for 26 years; retiring in 1995. Dorothy and Virgil celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on May 14, 2013.

Dorothy was kind, gentle and loving mother, grandmother and friend. She loved and cherished the times her grandchildren and great grandchildren would visit and spend time together. Her enjoyments were tending to her garden, canning, cooking, and going on vacations, especially to Alaska, Texas, and the Rocky Mountains in Colorado. She was a longtime member of the Sheridan United Methodist Church, Sheridan United Methodist Women, Ladies Get Together Club, and the Homemakers Group.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Virgil Stone of Grinnell; her son, Richard (Diane) Stone of Ankeny; her son-in-law, Raymond Graham of Grinnell; three grandchildren, Kym Howe of West Des Moines, Brian (Kari) Graham of Cedar Rapids, and Stacy (Darren) Walton of Grinnell; six great grandchildren, Jacob, Jessie and Jenna Howe, Nina and Libby Walton, and Alayna Graham; and her brother, Laverne Neitzel of Brooklyn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her daughter, Barbara Ann Graham. *PCCR 6-12-2013*



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