

Ada Johnson, 89

Ada Johnson, 89, of Montezuma, passed away Monday, Aug. 15, 2011, at the Grinnell Regional Medical Center in Grinnell. Memorial services were held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 23, at the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma. No visitation is planned. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Grinnell Calvary Baptist Church 1625 Penrose St. Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcoblefuneralhome.com. Holland-Coble Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Ada Revell Johnson, daughter of Robert and Ethel May (Hulbert) Revell was born on Feb. 24, 1922, in Iowa Center. She graduated from Grinnell High School on May 29, 1941. On Sept. 25, 1945, Ada was united in marriage to Raymond "Swede" Johnson in Osceola, Neb. To this union six children were born. Ada worked at Maytag Defense Plant in Newton during the war, where they made airplane motor parts. After the war, she worked at Lynch's Variety Store where she was a clerk and supervisor. After her children were born, Ada stayed home and raised them, helping in the store and locker plant whenever needed. She was a den mother while her sons were in Cub Scouts. In her free time, Ada loved working crossword puzzles and sewing for her little girl. She made 17 ugly quilts for the homeless. She was a member of the Regular Baptist Church, the Ladies Missionary Groups, VFW and 50 Plus Club in New Sharon. Ada cared for Raymond during his 20 years of illness, she loved working in her vegetable garden and most of all spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ada is survived by her five children, Marion (Marsha) Johnson of Garner, Mike (Debbie) Johnson of Springfield, Ill., Keith (Karen) Johnson of Meservey, Rex (Candy) Johnson of Leland, and Benae Johnson of Montezuma; seven grandchildren, Nichelle (Jason) Kendell, Michelle (Brad) Davis, Sue (Jeff) Petty, Stacia (Brian) Gordon, Phillip (Jill) Johnson, Kyle Johnson and Ken (Jill) Johnson; 12 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Ethel Taylor of Brooklyn.

Ada is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Raymond "Swede" Johnson; an infant daughter, Carol Beth Johnson; three infant grandchildren, Wesley, Scott and Denise; a brother, Robert Revell; a sister, Velma James; and a daughter-in-law, Juanita Johnson.

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