

Grace Maxine Blackburn

July 23, 1917-June 29, 2003

Chariton and formerly of Ankeny and Ames, died Sunday, June 29, at Chariton Nursing and Rehab Center, where she had been a resident since March 21, 2003. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 3, at Warren Township Cemetery in McCallsburg, with the Rev. Steve Williams officiating.

Grace was born July 23, 1917 in Montevideo, Minn., the daughter of Arthur and Emma (Conley) Conley. She worked for Sears and Montgomery Ward, owned a fishing lodge in Canada and a flooring and window treatment store in Ankeny. Grace enjoyed gardening, canning, baking, fishing, traveling and visiting with friends.

She is survived by two sons, Gary F. Dykstra of Derby and David Blackburn of Largo, Fla.; and one niece, Farris Dearborn of Nevada.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; and two sisters. The family will receive friends from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Thursday, July 3, at Chet Ryan Mortuary in Nevada.

Chet Ryan Mortuary in Nevada is in charge of arrangements.

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