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Gladys E. Grimes



Born: July 13, 1906

Died: March 20, 2005

Services will be held at: 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 24 at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory. Burial will follow services at Riverside Cemetery in Marshalltown. Visitation times are: 5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. on Wednesday at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home & Crematory where her family will be present to greet friends from 6:00 – 7:00 P.M. Memorial contributions may be directed in her name to the First Church of the Nazarene located at 1015 South Center Street in Marshalltown.

Gladys was born July 13, 1906 in Marshalltown, Iowa the daughter of Homer C. and Elsie M. (Richards) Harrison. She was raised and educated in Marshall and Tama County and graduated from the Liberty School of Cosmetology in Peoria, Illinois. Gladys was married to Randall E. Elwood in 1926. Gladys was married to Claude C. Grimes in 1939.

She owned and operated a beauty shop in Marshalltown for several years and also taught a china painting class at the Marshalltown YMCA for over 16 years. During her free time Gladys enjoyed art, knitting, china painting, and teaching fine needle point. She was an honorary lifetime member of the Illinois Art League and the Special Arts of Iowa. Gladys is survived by her daughter-in-law Margie Elwood of, Marshalltown, her foster son Roger (Holly) Grimes of Des Moines, her brother Homer (Sue) Harrison Jr. of Kokomo, Indiana, her sister Vivian Sloat of Bastrop, Louisiana, her sister Wilda "Billy" Sorensen of Marshalltown, her brother Wendell "Wink" (Dorothy) Harrison of Marshalltown, her brother-in-law Mike McClure of Marshalltown, her five grandchildren: Patrick Elwood of Claremore, Oklahoma, Diana Dailey of Chillicothe, Illinois, Janice Roberts of Trivoli, Illinois, Jeff Grimes of San Francisco, California, and Jennifer Grimes of Lincolnton, Georgia. Gladys was preceded in death by her parents Homer & Elsie, her son John (Jack) Elwood in 1984, her husband Claude Grimes, her siblings: Lucille Harrison at age 5, Gretchen Sipes, Bernyce Anderson and Norma McClure.