



Cleo Joyce Griffin, age 82, of Wapello, Iowa, died Saturday morning, September 29, 2007, at the Wapello Nursing & Rehab Center at Wapello. The daughter of Allen and Hazel Cole Blessing, she was born June 21, 1925 at Greenville.

She graduated from Lake Center High School at Lake Center, Iowa. Before moving to Wapello, Cleo worked for the Recruitment Section of the Division of Shore Establishments and Civilian Personnel for the United States Navy in Washington D.C. She married Crotty Calvin Griffin on February 4, 1946, at Spencer, Iowa. He preceded her in death on January 8, 2003.

Mrs. Griffin lived in Wapello and worked for and retired from the Louisa Co. Dept. of Human Services. She also worked out of the Mt. Pleasant Office. She was recognized for 26 years of Volunteer Service from the Governor of Iowa. She was a member of the Wapello Nursing and Care Center Review Committee. She was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. She was an Iowa Hawkeye fan and a Wapello Indians and Arrows fan. She loved being with her family. She especially enjoyed attending all of her grandchildren's and their friends' school events.

She is survived by two sons, Crotty A. and Doris Griffin and Jim and Jackie Griffin both of Wapello; a daughter, Becky and Dave Orr of Columbus Junction; five grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; six sisters; and two brothers. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Crotty; and two sisters.

The funeral ceremony for Cleo Griffin was held at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 2, 2007, at the Dudgeon-McCulley Funeral Home at Wapello, with Pastor Dan Doolin officiating. Private burial will be held later at the Wapello Cemetery.

A Memorial Fund has been established for the benefit of the Wapello Volunteer Fire Department.