Marjorie Dunham

Marjorie Dunham, 87, of Grinnell, died Friday, Nov. 22, at her home of Parkinson’s Disease.

A private family graveside service will be held Tuesday at Hazelwood Cemetery with the Rev. Bob Molsberry officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Grinnell Regional Home Care or Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

She was born March 29, 1915 in Council Bluffs, the daughter of George and Alice Baker Johnston. She was a 1933 graduate of Council Bluffs High School and later received degrees from the University of Nebraska and the Library School of Columbia University, New York, N.Y. Following her education, she moved to Grinnell where she was employed by Grinnell College. She was married June 26, 1943, in Council Bluffs to Harold Grinnell Dunham. The couple farmed in the Grinnell area for many years.

She was an avid gardener with a love for flowers, music and poetry. She was a member of the United Church of Christ-Congregational.

She is survived by three daughters, Louisa Hisamoto, Fairbanks, Alaska, Janet Dunham, Grinnell, and Dorothy Buken, Rock Island, Ill.; two sons, Arthur Dunham, Hopkinton, and Lisle Dunham, Grinnell; one sister, Helen Johnston, Adelphi, Md.; her sister-in-law Marian Dunham of Grinnell; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.