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Burial was in Rock Creek Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Grinnell Christian Church, American Cancer Society, or the Animal Rescue League in Newton. Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell handled arrangements.

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Survivors include her husband, Darrel of Grinnell; a son, Dwight Keenan of Grinnell; a daughter, Diane Keenan of Grinnell; a stepson, LaVerna Kiefer of Waterloo; a stepbrother, Don Butler of Gilman; and four grandchildren.

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