Beth Pagel

Beth Pagel, 83, of Grinnell died Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010, at the Mayflower Community Health Care Center.

A memorial service will be held 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

There will be no visitation.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Beth Pagel Memorial Fund.

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She was born on Sept. 28, 1926, in Blue River, Wis., the daughter of Leslie and Thelma Totten Dunston. She moved to Wonewoc, Wis., in 1941 and was a graduate of Wonewoc High School. On Aug. 21, 1945, she was united in marriage with Daniel R. “Bob” Shaker, in Union Center, Wis., and the couple lived in Stanchfield, Minn. Her husband died in 1974. She was united in marriage with John “Jack” Pagel on March 16, 1974, in Cambridge, Minn. The couple returned to Wonewoc to make their home. She worked in an ammunition factory there and also for Oscar Mayer in Wisconsin. Following his death in 1995, she moved to Grinnell in 1996.

She is survived by two daughters, Mary Beth Foster of Makom, and Marcia Sue Jones of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two sisters, Donna Krueger of Deforest, Wis., and Judy Dowreck of Wisconsin Dells, Wis.; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands; two sons, Daniel and David Shaker; and one brother, Sherman Dunston.