Ruie Schaper, 98, of Grinnell, died Friday, April 23, 2010, at Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, April 26, at Pursel Davis Funeral Home with Pastor David Brandt officiating.

Interment was in Rose Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Ruie Schaper Memorial Fund. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vogelfuneralhomes.com.

Ruie was born January 7, 1912, the daughter of Frank and Anna Mehlulka Kolbe in Beaman, Iowa. She grew up in the Marshalltown Community and on March 2, 1932, she was united in marriage to Arnold Schaper in State Center. Ruie was a homemaker and assisted with Arnold on the farm.

Ruie was a great cook and was always helping neighbors with projects. She was an avid reader and enjoyed embroidery, crossword and word seek puzzles; and loved to attend the activities of her many grandchildren. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grinnell and Senior Citizens Breakfast Club.

She is survived by her children, Darwin "Gus" Schaper of Alabama, and Janet Burns of Grinnell; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; five sisters; and one brother.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold, of 33 years; two brothers and two sisters.