Vera Van Wyngarden

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A funeral service will be held Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 1:30 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Grinnell. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Monday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home with family members present from 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Baptist Church or to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

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She was born Jan. 29, 1915, on a farm north of Brooklyn in Poweshiek County, the daughter of Alfred and Pearl Workman Wahner. As a child she moved with her family to Kansas, returning several years later to the Grinnell area. She received her education in the Grinnell school district.

She was united in marriage with Cliff Van Wyngarden on Aug. 6, 1938, in Grinnell where they continued to make their home. She was employed for nine years as a receptionist for Dr. Brooker; for 25 years as a sales clerk at Sanders' Variety Store and later at Pamida Discount Store, retiring in 1982. She was a 70-year member of Calvary Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school for 35 years, and was active in Awana.

She is survived by her daughter Judy Wakeley of Malcom; two granddaughters and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; one son Larry Van Wyngarden; two sisters, Dorothy Fleener and Verna Harbin; and two brothers, Richard and Alfred Wahner.

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Vera was considered strong-willed, passionate, caring and kind-hearted and held an immense love for her family and her faith. She loved fishing, including in the Grinnell area, Minnesota and Canada; listening to books on tape; crocheting and quilting. Many of her quilts have been donated to various missionaries.

Survivors include her daughter, Judy (Chuck) Wakeley of Malcom; one sister, Shirley Harrelson of Montezuma; two granddaughters, Tammy Wakeley of Marengo and Wendy Cottrell of Malcom; two great-grandchildren, Paige and Dalton Cottrell; and many nieces and nephews.

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