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She was a member of Jewel Box Quilt Guild. She enjoyed riding her bicycle around town to garage sales, and also to purchase her groceries, until last summer when she became ill. She attended First Baptist Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Peggy Paxton of LeGrand and Kathie Karamosch of Wesley Chapel, Fla.; three sons, Ed Bailey of rural Gilman, Jim Bailey of Cedar Falls and Bill Bailey of Grinnell; 15 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; two sisters, Ruth Taylor and Phyllis Saunders of Grinnell and one brother, Keith Paulson of rural Grinnell. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one daughter Bonnie Casey; one grandson; three brothers, Howard, Merle and Ross (in infancy); and one sister Doris Steeveshoek.
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Genevieve loved her six children. She sewed many of their clothes and enjoyed tending to her large garden. She was a member of the Jewel Box Quilt Guild and made many quilts for her family and friends. She enjoyed riding her bicycle around town to garage sales and to get her groceries. She rode her bike until last summer when she became ill. She attended the Grinnell First Baptist Church.

Left to cherish her memory are two daughters, Peggy (Gary) Paxton of LeGrand and Kathie Karmoschos of Wesley Chapel, Fla.; three sons, Ed (Cathy Soutter) Bailey of rural Gilman, Jim (Billie) Bailey of Cedar Falls, and Bill (Kathy) Bailey of Grinnell; 15 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ruth Taylor and Phyllis (Kenneth "Pepper") Saunders of Grinnell; and one brother, Keith (Shirley) Paulson of rural Grinnell; as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends.

In death, she has rejoined her parents; loving husband, John "Bud"; a daughter, Bonnie Casey; a grandson, Chad Vint; three brothers, Howard, Merle and Ross (in infancy); and one sister, Doris Sleeuwenhoek.