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Mary Ruth was born on Dec. 26, 1924, in Putnam County, Unionville, to Paul and Marie Wilson Davis. She was raised and educated in Unionville.

On Jan. 21, 1950, she was united in marriage with Lyle Routier in Newton. She worked as a waitress at the Skel Diner and the Tropic Club, and also enjoyed babysitting for several people. She retired from Maytag as a press operator after 14-and-a-half years.

She enjoyed handwork, dancing, camping, puzzles, and tending to her plants. Her greatest love was her family and she enjoyed devoting time to her grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchild.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Lyle Routier of Grinnell; her children, Marj Smith of Grinnell, Irma Dye of Livonia, Mo., Connie Lamb of Grinnell, Cindy Weldon of Belle Plaine and Roger Routier of Gilman; 12 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; her brother,

Keith W. Davis of Grinnell; and two sisters, Ilene Connealy of Gilman, and Louise Hudson of Centerville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her infant daughter, Linda Sue Routier; her brother, Howard Davis; a sister, Elaine Probasco; and three infant siblings. GHR 3-10-11

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Friends may call Smith Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 8, from 3 to 8 p.m. with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m.

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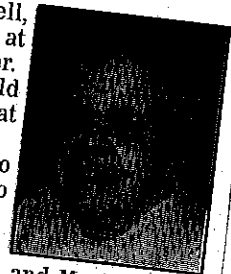
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Mary Ruth liked spending time crocheting, knitting and quilting. She enjoyed dancing, camping, her puzzles, spending time planting tomatoes and tending to her hanging plants. Mary Ruth was definitely a people person. Her greatest love was her family. She always had time for each and every one of her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchild.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband of 61 years, Lyle Routier of Grinnell; her children, Marj (Art) Smith of Grinnell, Larry (Irma) Dye of Livonia, Mo., Connie (Darrel) Lamb of Grinnell, Cindy Weldon of Belle Plaine and Roger (June) Routier of Gilman. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; her brother, Keith W. (Dorothy) Davis of Grinnell; and two sisters, Ilene (Jim) Connealy of Gilman and Louise Hudson of Centerville.

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