

Irene M. Brant



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Irene M. Brant, 76, of Grinnell, died Thursday, June 9, 2011, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A celebration of her life will be held 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 15, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Pastor Jann Braaksma, pastor of the Westfield Community Church, officiating. Pallbearers are her grandchildren, Carl Noftsger, Mike Noftsger, Roger Belcher, James Brant, Jr., Brandon Moyer, Shawn Brant, and Ryan Brant. Interment will be in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation will be held Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home from 1 until 8 p.m., with the family present to greet friends from 5 to 8 p.m.

Memorials can be designated to the Irene M. Brant Memorial Fund, PO BOX 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfh.com.

Irene was born the daughter of Wilbur Elliott and Wilma Foster Doud on June 1, 1935, in Grinnell and she was raised and educated here. She was united in marriage with Clyde Brant, Sr., on Feb. 3, 1953, in Des Moines. She worked at Walmart in Newton for several years until her retirement in 2008.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Her enjoyments in addition to her family were playing bingo, playing the slot machines at Meskwaki, fishing, mowing her lawn, listening to country music, going to dances with her friends, and attending barbeques and family functions.

She is survived by her children, Donna Noftsger of Colfax, Clyde Brant, Jr., of Columbia, S.C., Diana Foster of Coralville, Jim Brant of Grinnell, and Cheryl Moyer of Grinnell; 15 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; and her siblings, Roger Lindell of Omaha, Neb., Mary Vaughn of Cedar Falls, and Marilyn Faulker of Waterloo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Clyde; her daughter, Linda Belcher; and her sister, Barbara Kizer.