

Irene Estelle Butcher



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Irene Estelle Butcher, 90, of Grinnell died June 3, 2011, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

Visitation will be held at noon, Tuesday, June 7, at the Wadlow Rozanek

Funeral Home in Lincoln, Neb. Graveside services will follow at 1 p.m. at the Lincoln Memorial Cemetery. Casket bearers will be her grandchildren: Dan Johnson, Kelly King, JaDee Knight, Cole Johnson, Jamie Cornish and Jason Pope. Honorary bearers will be Paul Johnson, Dave Pope, Judy Watt, Bob Kohler, Dick Kohler, Rod Rozanek, R. A. Rozanek, V.J. Rozanek.

Memorials may be sent to the family to be donated to charities of their choice.

Irene was born Aug. 8, 1920, in Milligan, Neb., to Fred and Stella Hospodsky. She graduated from Milligan High School in 1938 and attended the University of Nebraska, then moved to Berwyn, Ill., to manage her uncle Adolph Rozanek's movie theater. In 1947 she was united in marriage with Dee E. Butcher. The couple lived in Berwyn, Ill., and in David City, Neb., where they owned the Butcher Furniture store. They moved to Lincoln, Neb., in 1959 and to Grinnell in 1962. Irene, Dee and their son Jay resided with her daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Paul Johnson, since 2007.

Irene was a homemaker who enjoyed traveling, reading, crafts, cooking and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her daughters Kathryn King, Deborah Johnson and Jan Pope of Grinnell; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Dee in 2009, her son Jay in 2009 and siblings Robert Hospodsky and Norma Kohler.