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June Meredith Gropper was born in Spencer, the daughter of Max Hilles Meredith and Marion Evangeline Malott Meredith, on Dec. 26, 1936. June's father died when she was two, so she and her mother moved near Brooklyn and lived with her aunt and uncle. There June attended school in Brooklyn and graduated in 1954. She was united in marriage with Earl W. Gropper on Feb. 13, 1960, in Kirksville, Mo., and they had four children.

June's mother was from Canada so her family made several trips there as she was growing up, including to Manitoulin Island around Lake Huron. She and Earl had a grain and livestock farm. June and Earl got their children started in 4-H and June helped them with their projects including teaching them the raising and showing of their calves, cooking, photography, furniture-refinishing projects and more.

She was involved in many organizations, serving as first secretary of the Iowa Chianina Association and president of the Poweshiek County Cowbelle's Association and being involved in several other breed organizations at the state level. She was also a member of the Malcom Presbyterian Church, Grinnell Garden Club, Malcom Worth While Club, and the Builder's Club. She enjoyed drawing and painting pictures, sewing, collecting antiques, refinishing furniture, gardening and canning, flower gardening, playing cards, and dancing.

June is survived by three children, Jeff Gropper of Chelsea, Michelle Reitzler of Grinnell and Stacey Storms of Trivoli, Ill.; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her infant son, Max William Gropper; and her brother, Robert Dean Meredith.



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