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A family interment will be at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell at a later date.

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On May 14, 1949, she was married to Frank D. Atkinson in Exira. The couple lived in Des Moines before moving to Grinnell in 1968. She was employed as a seamstress at the DeLong's Sportswear Company for over 20 years.

Geraldine was a member of the VFW Auxiliary and the Eagles Club of Grinnell. She enjoyed being with family and friends and caring for her pets.

She is survived by her children, Eugene (Virginia) Sheets of Glenwood, Barbara (Dennis) Osberg of Spokane, Wash., John Atkinson of Grinnell and James Atkinson of Des Moines; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Dayton (Linda) Kendall of Albia.

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