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Geraldine "Gerry" Meredith, 85, of Newton, died Sunday, Aug. 26, 2012, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines. A memorial service will be held

A memorial service with 50 memorial 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2012, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with burial in the Slagle Cemetery near Newton.

The family will be present at the funeral home from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 3, 2012.

Memorials may be directed to the Building Fund of the Newton Village and sent in care of Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Condolences to the family may be sent at www.smithfh.com.

Gerry was born Feb. 26, 1927, in Elliott, Iowa, to Samuel and Gertrude Mick Stennett. She was raised in Elliott and graduated from Elliott High School with the Class of 1944.

On July 18, 1948, she married Harold Meredith in Elliott. The couple lived in Searsboro and she was employed at General Telephone Company of Midwest in Grinnell. In 1960, the family moved to Kellogg and she worked as an administrative assistant for the Midwest Manufacturing Company there.

Gerry enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, and enjoyed doing family genealogy.

Survivors include her children, Doug Meredith of Cumming, Ga., and Becky Gruening of West Des Moines; four grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; one sister, Ruby Petersen; and one brother, Ross Stinnett.

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