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Memorial contributions may be directed to the Farrell E. Dayton Memorial Fund.

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She was a dedicated volunteer at the Malcom American Legion for many years, and enjoyed attending dances in the area and listening and dancing to the music. She was an avid fan of All-Star wrestling and the WWF, and enjoyed watching soap operas, playing bingo, brokering and gardening. 

Survivors include her husband, Eugene of New Sharon; her children, Sharon, Blanche of New Sharon, Barbara Boots and Sally Mills of Grinnell, and Gary Dayton of Montezuma; one brother, Earl Davis of Malcom; 18 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

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