Donna M. Grovenburg



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A celebration of her life was held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 26, in the Carmen Center of the Mayflower Community Health Care Center in Grinnell with Pastor Keith Morrison, Grinnell Regional Hospice chaplain, officiating. Interment was in Rock Creek Cemetery west of Grinnell.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to be designated in her name to the Mayflower Community Human Needs Fund, 616 Broad Street, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with her family at www.smithfh.com.

Donna was born on Nov. 4, 1936, in Laurel to Donald and Hattie Mae Benskin Kinnaird. She was raised in Searsboro and graduated from Searsboro High School in 1954.

She honorably served as a Corporal in the United States Women's Army Corp during peacetime. She was a basketball standout for Army and was voted most valuable player in 1957. She was united in marriage with Lloyd "Butch" Keith

Grovenburg on June 21, 1958, at the First Baptist Church in Grinnell. They had two children and raised their family in Grinnell. Donna worked at Maytag in Newton for 25 years, retiring in March of 1998 and was a member of the Local 997 United Auto Workers for 25 years.

She was an excellent cook, and enjoyed taking care of her flowers, rosebushes and houseplants, and making afghans and crocheting.

Donna is survived by her husband of 55 years, Lloyd "Butch" Grovenburg of Grinnell; her son, Larry Grovenburg of Sioux Falls, S.D.; her daughter, Tammy Britson of Gladbrook; a granddaughter; and her siblings, Wayne Kinnaird of Dubuque, Ill., Wendall Kinnaird of Grinnell, Earl Kinnaird of Grinnell, Bill Kinnaird of Grinnell, Joan Moyer of Grinnell, and Jerry Kinnaird of Salina, Kan.

She was preceded in death by her parents. 6 H-R 1-28-2013

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Visitation will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. on Friday at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Her family will be present to greet friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday evening.

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