Leona Kimm, 87, of Iowa City and formerly of Grinnell, died at Mercy Hospital Hospice in Iowa City on Friday, Nov. 2, 2012. Funeral services were held Nov. 7 at Grinnell Funeral & Cremation Service, and burial was at Memory Garden Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Mercy Hospice or American Village.

She was born Dec. 19, 1924, in Oxford, Iowa, the daughter of Charles and Ada Austin. She attended school in Williamsville and later graduated from Grinnell High School. She moved to Iowa City and worked for the U.S. Navy, then attended beauty school, and began her career as a cosmetologist in 1944, continuing to tend to her clients' needs until her health no longer allowed her to do so. She was a member of the National Hairdressers Association and the Coralville American Legion. She also enjoyed camping, boating, and doing needlework. She is survived by her son Kevin, Kim Kimm of Iowa City; a brother, Arlo Vaughn Austin of Santa Fe, N.M.; and three grandchildren: Irene Terrazas of Santa Fe, N.M., and Arlo 'Tug' Austin of Grants Pass, Ore., and three granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, Wayne Austin and Clyde Austin; and a son, Terrance Kimm.