Ella Kriegel

Ella Kriegel, 98, of Grinnell, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 7, at the Sheridan Cemetery northeast of Grinnell.

Visitation with the family present will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

Memorials may be designated to the Sheridan United Methodist Church. Memories and condolences may be shared with her family at www.smithfh.com.

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Ella was born the daughter of Charles and Teresa Shadel Mohrfeld on Sept. 4, 1914, on the family farm in Sheridan Township north of Malcom. She attended country schools near her home.

On July 12, 1934, she was united in marriage with Raymond W. Kriegel in Grinnell. The couple farmed in Sheridan Township until Raymond’s death in 1987.

Ella and Raymond enjoyed traveling and taking long car rides on Sundays. Ella’s enjoyments were visiting with her family and friends, tending to her flowers and garden, cross-stitching and embroidery, solving crossword puzzles, and collecting horses and carousels.

Ella is survived by her son, Deane Kriegel of Grinnell; two daughters, Beverly Welte of Ottosen, Iowa, and Joyce Hauser of Grinnell; six grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; Raymond W. Kriegel; three brothers, Elmer, George and Earl Mohrfeld; and two sisters, Clara Weitzel and Lulu Smith.