Marietta Mary Crawford, 84, of Grinnell, died Sept. 25, 2013, at her home.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 1, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. John Epperson of Grinnell officiating.

Pallbearers were Jimmy, Travis, Donnie and Kae Crawford, John Wallis and Gary Russell. Burial will be in Sheridan Cemetery, northeast of Grinnell.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Marietta Crawford Memorial Fund.

Marietta was born June 17, 1929, in Brooklyn, the daughter of Henry Balzar and Victorene Mary Foegel Kriegel. She attended country school near her home and later in the Brooklyn School District.

On April 27, 1947, she was united in marriage with Donald John “Bull” Crawford, in Unionville, Missouri. A union of 66 years! The couple lived in the Grinnell area all their married life. She enjoyed raising her children and later was employed at Grinnell College, St. Francis Hospital and Miracle Recreation. She knew the value of hard work and instilled those values to her family.

Marietta was very devoted to her family and cared for them deeply. She enjoyed the outdoors, camping, gardening and canning her produce. She also enjoyed cooking and baking, and attending flea markets.

Survivors include her husband, Donald of Grinnell; five children, John (Jolene) Crawford of Clifton Hill, Missouri, Jim (Shelley) Crawford of Kellogg, Vickie Russell of Grinnell, Rita (Keith) Blocker of Malcolm and Jerry (Mindy) Crawford of Grinnell; two brothers, Robert Kriegel of Grinnell and Larry Kriegel of Topeka, Kansas; one sister, Margaret Hill of Reno, Nevada; 11 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Rosemary Crawford; two brothers, Henry “Guy” and Bernard Kriegel; three sisters, Thecla Turner, Nona Van Draska and Lucille Heishman; and one great-grandson, Austin Gragg.

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Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday at the funeral home with the family present from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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