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Visitation was held Thursday at the Smith Funeral Home with the family present Thursday evening. Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

Beatrice was born Dec. 19, 1913, in Davenport, the daughter of Frederick Owen and Katherine Johnson Playle. She was raised in Davenport and attended school there. She moved to Grinnell while a teenager and was employed as a housekeeper for a local physician's family.

On Aug. 3, 1933, she was united in marriage with Frank Ardell LaGrange, in Montezuma. The couple lived in Grinnell and then moved to Fairmont, Minn., in the late 1930s. During World War II, they moved to Culver City, Calif., and returned to Grinnell in 1945. She was employed at the Grinnell Shoe Factory for several years and for most of her life she enjoyed being a homemaker and raising her family.

She was a former member of the Grinnell Eagles Club Auxiliary and a local sewing club. She enjoyed needle crafts, crocheting and cross-stitching; was an avid reader, enjoyed bowling and solving crossword puzzles; and had traveled throughout the United States.

Survivors include four children, Donna Brown, Janet Hasselbrink and Frank LaGrange, Jr., all of Grinnell and Richard LaGrange of Parker City, Ind.; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; her step-mother, Mary Louise Playle; two brothers, Owen and Garnet Playle; one sister, Carmen Saunders; two half-brothers, Frederick and Raymond Playle; and four half-sisters, Leona and Margaret Playle, Dorothy Norkus and Irene Whiteis.

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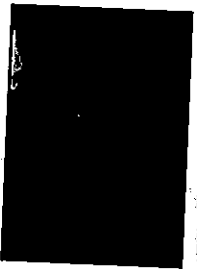
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