

Marcelene M. Billman ^{6H-R}
11-21-2013



Marcelene M. Billman, age 85, of Grinnell, died Monday, November 18, 2013, at the Grinnell Health Care Center.

A celebration of her life will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, November 22, 2013, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. John Epperson officiating. Interment will be at Pleasant Township Cemetery near Ewart.

Visitation was held from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday at the Smith Funeral Home with the family present to greet friends from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Thursday evening.

Memorials may be designated in her name to Grinnell Regional Hospice, 106 - 4th Avenue, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfh.com.

Marcelene was born on June 24, 1928, in Grinnell, Iowa, to Robert and Mary Jane Maples. She was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School in 1937.

She was united in marriage to Paul Robert Curtis on November 28, 1945, in Unionville, Missouri. The couple lived in Grinnell all of their married lives and Marcelene worked at Harrison's in Grinnell. The couple later divorced. In 1963, she moved to Marshalltown, Iowa, and worked at the mall. She moved back to Grinnell in 1999.

Marcelene's family was her life. She cherished the times with her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and loved attending their activities. Marcie had a loving and generous heart; she was always giving and willing to help others. Marcie held a special love for her dog "Blacky."

Marcelene is survived by her son, Greg (Mary) Curtis of Marshalltown; a daughter, Carolyn (Richard) Ahrens of Grinnell; three grandchildren, Lisa (Allen) Boettcher of Lake in the Hills, Illinois, Todd (Angie) Ahrens of Indianola, Iowa, and Tami (Scott Innis) Butler of Altoona, Iowa; and eight great grandchildren, Ryan and Ashley Ahrens, Tyler Baldazo and Jordan Butler, and Jacob Paul Boettcher, Zane Allen Boettcher, Jacey Lynn Boettcher and Javen Curtis Boettcher.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Roger Curtis in 1994; and three siblings, Darlene Latoya, Grant Maples, Sr., and Lorene Hobbs.