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On January 19, 1946, she was united in marriage with Russell Tuttle in Troy, Kan. The couple lived in Des Moines for several months prior to moving to their farm near Malcom in the fall of 1946. Mary was very involved with a lot of the farm work and raising her family. She later worked for the Malcom Mini Mart, Malzuma Inn, Malcom Laundromat, and Decorative Kitchens.

Mary instilled a great work ethic among her family; she was very detailed and focused on all her activities. She was a very loving person, adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and never missed a birthday party. She loved the outdoors and her life on the farm. She enjoyed raising chickens, gardening, canning her produce, and cooking for her family. Sewing, crocheting, drawing, painting and making crafts were some of her favorite hobbies. She was very talented! She looked forward to camping, fishing, playing Rolle Bolle and traveling, especially her trips to Canada while visiting her daughter.

Survivors include her husband, Russell of Malcom; three children, Russell (Irene) Tuttle, Jr. of Malcom, Jack (Linda) Tuttle of Bloomfield and Shari Goodrich of Grinnell; eight grandchildren, Andrea (Jeremy) Goodrich, Christina (Bart) Willis, Jason Tuttle, Brandon (Lee) Tuttle, Michelle Carnes, Eric (Jamie) Hodina, Joel (Chase) Goodrich and Jill Goodrich; 25 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Ruth Shore of Ackworth. She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Jack, Larry, Paul and Robert Ballard; and one sister, Josephine Roberts.

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