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The daughter of Morgan and Viola Wentzel Hicks, she was born August 11, 1925, in Malcom. She was raised in Malcom and was a graduate of Malcom High School. She was married to Kenneth J. Clifton on October 20, 1946, in Brooklyn and the couple made their home in Grinnell. She was employed for several years at the Five & Dime Store, and later, Clifton’s Park & Eat. In 1957, she began working at Jerry’s By-Lo Grocery Store and remained there until 1989. She then was employed at Food For Less until her retirement in 1996. She was a long-time member and very active with the Rebekah Lodge.

Survivors include two children, Sandy Cooper and Tom Clifton of Grinnell; three sisters, Nedra Neville and Shirley Carter of Grinnell and Ruth Varnum of Remmington Beach, Fla.; five grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

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