Eleanor "Sissy" Davis, 67

Eleanor "Sissy" Davis, 67, of Malcom, died on Saturday, July 16, 2005 at her home. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 20, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. John Reynolds, pastor of the Malcom Presbyterian Church, officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home beginning 12 noon on Tuesday and the family will be present at the funeral home from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday. Interment will be at Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcom.

Casket Bearers will be Bryan Davis, David Dayton, Kevin Uttech, Waylon Goetzinger, Richard "Red" Ervin and Arthur "Rusty" Ervin.

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On April 3, 1954, she was married to Earl R. Davis in Montezuma. The couple lived in Grinnell, where she was a mother, homemaker and worked part-time at the Danish Maid Bakery. The family owned and operated Davis Sanitation Service and she was the bookkeeper for the business. In 1976, the couple moved to Malcom. She was a member of the Red Hat Ladies of Acacia in Texas and the Malcom Ruritan Club. She enjoyed various crafts, Swedish weaving, crocheting and wintering in Texas.

Survivors include her husband, Earl Davis of Malcom; her children and their spouses, Bryan and Donna Davis of Grinnell and Kathy and David Dayton of Malcom; three granddaughters, Allison Uttech and Brantie Goetzinger, both of Grinnell, and Molly Dayton of Montezuma; her mother, Edna Foran of Malcom, three sisters, Jeraldine Bond and Nyla Lemke, both of Malcom, and Mary Ervin of Grinnell; two brothers, Richard "Red" Ervin of Tama, and Arthur "Rusty" Ervin of Gilman.

She was preceded in death by her father and one brother, Earl Ervin.

Memorials may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice or to Grinnell Regional Medical Center's Pulmonary Rehabilitation Unit.

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