

Roberta Garrett



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Roberta "Robbie" Lucille Garrett, 82, of Grinnell died Friday, Sept. 16, at the Mayflower Home Health Care Center.

Memorial services for Roberta Garrett will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at Hazelwood Cemetery.

She was born Aug. 27, 1923, in Grinnell to Clarence and Arminda Keenan Garrett, the youngest of eight sisters. She was raised on the family farm west of Grinnell and attended rural schools and graduated from Grinnell High School.

Following her education, she worked for the Maytag Company in Newton. In 1944, she enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as a Seaman First Class at various naval stations in the United States. After the war, she moved to Redondo Beach, Calif., and worked in various jobs. For many years, she worked for the National Aeronautics Space Administration and the U.S. Postal Service. Following her retirement, she lived in California. She moved back to Grinnell in 2002 and resided at Mayflower Home.

She served as a union steward for the United Postal Workers and was a member of the American Legion. She was a published poet and enjoyed gardening, landscaping and spending time near the ocean, as well as her dogs. She also raised the children of her late sister Burnise Zaugh, helping to raise them and guiding their lives.

She is survived by two sisters, Betty Dale and Mac Dean, both of Grinnell, and her nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; four of her sisters, Martha Garrett, Maude Hagensick, Bonnie Tiedeman, Burnise Zaugh and Tony Hobbs; and an infant brother, Clarence Frederick.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Roberta Garrett Memorial Fund. Online condolences may be extended via the Smith Funeral Home website, www.smithfh.com.