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Visitation will be held Friday morning an hour prior to the service at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, with the family present.

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She was a homemaker and kept active raising her seven children. She had been a resident of Friendship Manor since 2001.

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