

H-R MAY 3, 2005
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Graveside services for Mary Gilliland will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 6, at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell with the Rev. John Epperson, pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Pallbearers will be Chuck, Don and Rick Gilliland, Gene Shook and Randy Smith.

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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