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Epperson, pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, officiating.

Pallbearers were Ken and Jeremy Bolen, Shawn Brown, Jim Saunders and Chris and Carrie Van Gorp. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery.

The daughter of Edward and Ollie Phipps Onthank, she was born Dec. 8, 1922, in Richard Township, Jasper County. She attended rural school in Jasper and Poweshiek counties and later attended Grinnell High School. On March 25, 1944, she was married to Delmer Van Gorp at her parents' home

in Washington Township near Grinnell. The couple farmed north of Searsboro until 1958 when they moved to Grinnell. She was employed as a nurse's aide at St. Francis Hospital in Grinnell and later Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Survivors include two daughters and their spouses, Joyce and John Wiener of Montour and Delores (Dori) and Dave Brown of Grinnell; four sisters and their spouses, Rose and Lyle Johnson of Searsboro, Mollie and Dick Saunders of Grinnell, Grace and Marvin Davis of Marshalltown, and Irene and Dave Kester of Montezuma; six grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and a special friend, Melvin Verwers of Grinnell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Delmer, in 1990; her son, Daniel, in 1997; and three sisters, Mildred Claybrook, Darlene Hamor and Mary Doris Onthank.

Memorial contributions in her name may be directed to Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

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