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Pallbearers were Trent Arment, Curt and Shawn Cox, Cody Guyer, and Bob, Don and Ron Taylor.

The daughter of Dennis and Ola Conger Grovenburg Sr., she was born April 9, 1916, in Grinnell. She was raised in Grinnell and received her education in the Grinnell School District. She was married to Maurice Kester on Aug. 29, 1932, in Grinnell. She was employed at the Grinnell Shoe Factory, Grinnell Canning Company, and later for Cargill. Following the death of her husband in 1976,

she was married to Victor Vulysteke on Feb. 7, 1981, in Grinnell, and they continued to make their home in Grinnell. She had been a resident of St. Francis Manor since 1991. She was a member of the Oak Grove Friends Church, Rebekah Lodge, and the Grandmother's Club.

Survivors include two sons, David Kester of Montezuma and Frank Kester of Grinnell; two sisters, Thelma Lust of Newton and Shirley Lillie of Montezuma; one brother, Keith Grovenburg of Oakland Acres; six grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren; and three step-children, Marilyn VanderMorttel of Moline, Ill., Bud Vulysteke of Marengo and Vic Vulysteke of Oskaloosa.

She was preceded in death by both husbands; one daughter, Betty Taylor; two brothers, Dennis Grovenburg Jr. and Ernest Grovenburg; one sister, Helen Strand; four grandchildren and stepdaughter, Kay Perrin.

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