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Norma Y. Wilson, 80, of Grinnell, died on Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service was held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Dan VerWeert, interim pastor of the Assembly of God Church, officiating. Pianist was Betty Ann Battey. A private family interment was held at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorials may be directed to Hazelwood Cemetery’s Landscaping Fund or to the Grinnell Fire Department’s Auxiliary.

Norma was born on November 26, 1924, on the family farm near Brooklyn, to John and Della (Smith) Patton. She was raised in the Brooklyn area and graduated from Brooklyn High School with the Class of 1942. Following her education, she taught in a rural school near Montezuma.

On August 11, 1944, she was married to Frank Farrell in Cedar Rapids. The couple were the parents of three sons, Frank, Bill and Joe, and they lived in Cedar Rapids and Davenport. The couple divorced, and she moved to Grinnell. On March 27, 1955, she was married to Carmen (Cocky) Wilson in Omaha, Nebraska. They were the parents of two sons, Jack and Rod, and they resided in Kellogg and Grinnell. She stayed busy as a mother and homemaker, and she worked at various businesses in Kellogg and Grinnell.

Norma was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Grinnell Fire Department Auxiliary, and she enjoyed needlework, crafts and solving crossword puzzles. She also was an avid Iowa Hawkeyes fan, and she enjoyed following local sporting events.

Survivors include her children and their spouses, Frank and Margaret Farrell of Winchester, Calif., Bill and Brenda Farrell of Grinnell, Jack Wilson of Riverside, Calif., and Rod and Lisa Wilson of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; seven grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; seven sisters, Doraldine Edstrom of Omaha, Neb., Anna Belle Robison of Cedar Falls, Donna Collum of DeWitt, Patricia Clark of Kellogg, Nancy Ogden of Texas, Lila McCamman of Grinnell, and Linda Patton of Grinnell; and three brothers, Wayne Patton of Brooklyn, Ed Patton of Lebanon, Mo., and Jim Patton of Brooklyn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and one son, Joe Farrell.