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GRINNELL RESIDENT

Beatrice L. Martin, 81



Beatrice L. Martin of Grinnell died October 25, 2015 at the Grinnell Mayflower Home at age 81.

Bea was born March 24, 1934 in Jackson Township, Poweshiek County, IA. She is the daughter of William and Ella (Spading) Graham.

She graduated from Montezuma High School with the Class of 1952.

Bea was a hard worker and through high school was employed at the Montezuma Maid Rite and helped provide for her siblings. After she married, she was employed at the Downey Hotel and Blue Denim factory in Oskaloosa. After moving to Marshalltown, she worked at Cecil's Cafe, Dodger Industries in Eldora, and Progress Industries. After moving to Malcom, she worked at Delongs Manufacturing where she retired.

Bea moved to Grinnell and had a small business in her home, Busy Bea Sewing, where she was skilled at alterations and machine embroidery.

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and enjoyed her family, her dog Snookie, her sisters, her nieces, country music, Chicago Cubs, and bus trips. In 2011, she went to New York and the World Trade Center just prior to 9/11.

She was the mother of two sons, Mark (Brenda) Martin of the family home, Carl Martin Jr. and two grandchildren. Six sisters and brothers, Ruth Beck and Carol (Marvin) Kolors of Malcom, Roberta (Doug) See of Grinnell, James (Annis) Graham of San Antonio, TX, Michael (Marki) Graham of Newton, and Nancy (David) Weaver of Grinnell. Sister-in-laws Mildred Graham of El Toro, CA and Evelyn Graham of San Antonio, TX.

She was preceded in death by her parents and four siblings, sister-in-laws, and brother-in-laws. Tom and Loraine Graham, Barb and Allen Smith, Bill Graham, John Graham, and Marvin Beck.

A private family graveside service will be held at the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery.

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