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Marvel J. Paul 3-31-2016

Marvel J. Paul, 91, of Grinnell and formerly of Gilman died March 25, 2016, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A graveside service and burial was held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 31, at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Marshalltown with the Rev. Brian Chitwood, pastor of the Madison Church of Christ, near Brooklyn, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Marvel J. Paul Memorial Fund.

Marvel was born August 22, 1924, in Mason City, the daughter of Clarence Lee and Alva Bertram DeBates Shively. She was raised in Mason City by her maternal grandparents and attended high school there.

On August 22, 1943, she was united in marriage with Harold E. "Red" Paul, in Marshalltown. The couple lived in Marshall County prior to moving to Gilman in 1951 where she was a homemaker and kept busy raising her family. Following the death of her husband, Red in 1986, she continued to live in Gilman and was employed with De-Long's Sportswear for several years. She moved to Grinnell in 2013.

Marvel enjoyed crocheting and knitting, solving various puzzle games, and playing cards with family and friends. She was an avid reader and enjoyed water aerobics at the Marshalltown YMCA. For many years she was a member of the United Church of Christ-Congregational in Gilman.

Survivors include three daughters, Barb (Carl) Littlejohn of Lancaster, Ohio, Betty Reynolds of LeGrand and Val (Randy) Courter of Grinnell; eight grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; one son, Dick Paul in 2015; and two brothers and sisters.

