Memorials may be designated to the St. Francis Manor Activity Fund and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with her family online at www.smithfh.com.

Florence Irene Williamson Criswell was born the daughter of Ronald Neil Williamson and Mabel Roudabush Williamson on May 17, 1930, in Ladora. She was raised and educated in Hartford. Following her education, she honorably served in the United States Women's Army Corps.

She was united in marriage to Robert Lee Criswell on April 28, 1950, in Grinnell, and they had four children. They resided in the Grinnell, Kellogg and Newton areas and Irene was a longtime employee of the Maytag Corporation in Newton until her retirement in 1985. She was a member of the Kellogg Christian Church.

Irene cherished the time spent with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was an excellent cook and was famous for her chocolate pies. She held a passion for crocheting and made countless afghans, quilts and pot holders. Her enjoyments included watching old Andy Griffith shows on TV, playing bingo, traveling to Arizona, tending to her flower and vegetable gardens, and going camping and fishing with her family.

Irene is survived by her children, Beverly Chippis of Monroe, Neil Criswell of Tiftonka, Sharon Rawlins of Kellogg, and Marla Glotfelter of Kellogg; five grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and sister, Linda Davis of Ladora.