

**OBITUARIES**

**MALCOM RESIDENT**

# Laurma J. Manatt, 86



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Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

A funeral service will be held 10:30 a.m., Friday, November 11, 2016, at the First United Presbyterian Church in Malcom with Rev. John Reynolds, pastor of the church, officiating. Pianist will be Denise Baustian. Casket Bearers will be her grandchildren, Traci Rennacker, Robert Manatt, Patrick Coleman, Crystal Rausch, Steven Coleman and Veronica Lemke. Honorary Bearers will be Steven Thompson, Roger Thompson, Charlie Sexton, Dave Van Arkel, Greg Thompson, Mike Rennacker, Amanda Manatt, Tyler Rausch, Amber Coleman and Kyle Wilson. Interment will be at the Ivy Hill Cemetery near Malcom. A reception will follow the service at the Malcom Auditorium.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning 12:00 noon on Thursday and the family will be present at the funeral home from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday.

Memorials may be directed to the First United Presbyterian Church in Malcom.

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on the family farm, attended rural school and graduated with the Class of 1947 from Malcom High School. She also graduated from the American Institute of Business in Des Moines.

On February 12, 1949, she was united in marriage to James H. Manatt in Malcom. Laurma and Jim worked together to raise their children and operate the family farm. On the farm she enjoyed gardening, canning, milking cows, and mowing. She was fondly known as "Grandma Manatt" around Malcom and became well known for her delicious caramel bars, candy, and wedding cakes. She was a long time member of the Malcom Presbyterian Church and the Ruritan Club of Malcom. One of her joys was playing in a few card clubs in the Malcom area.

Survivors include her children, Connie Coleman, Larry (Liz) Manatt and Ron (Patty) Manatt, all of Malcom; six grandchildren, Pat (Amber) Coleman, Steven Coleman, Traci (Mike) Rennacker, Bob (Amanda) Manatt, Crystal (Tyler) Rausch and Veronica Lemke; and eleven great grandchildren, Alexa, Dominic, Aliana, Jessica, Dezera, Gabriel, Karter, Olivia, Beckham, Chase and Chance.

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