Irma Arnaman, 88, of Grinnell, died Thursday evening, April 20, 2017, at Unity Point Methodist Hospital in Des Moines, after a very brief illness.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 24, at the Grinnell First Presbyterian Church with a luncheon immediately after. Burial was in the Pleasant Township Cemetery in Ewart.

Memorial contributions may be made in Irma’s honor to the Grinnell First Presbyterian Church or St. Francis Assisted Living. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Irma Ruth Arnaman was born on March 10, 1929, in Brooklyn, Iowa, to Jesse and Louie Ackley Bunnell, and grew up helping her parents on the farm. She graduated from Montezuma High School with the Class of 1946, and attended the American School of Beauty Culture in Des Moines. She then married a young U.S. Navy veteran, Ronald C. Arnaman, and they began their life together on a farm north of Montezuma. Irma enjoyed her beauty work for 66 years, as well as gardening, church activities and raising the couple’s three daughters.

Irma and Ron loved to travel both in the states and abroad, and they enjoyed bus tours, square dancing, playing cards and all activities that their children and grandchildren were involved in. Irma was a wonderful cook, known for her beef and noodles, pies and homemade angel food cake. She was a member of the Grinnell Presbyterian Church, where she served as an elder and was on the Buildings and Maintenance committee.

Her farm legacy will remain for years to come.

Irma is survived by her daughter, Bev Hatcher of Grinnell, Vicky Muldendorf of Olathe, Kan., and Rebecca Wiley of North Augusta, SC; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; with one more on the way; and many friends and relations.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Ron; her parents; and her sisters, Arlene Hasley and Eila Hasley.
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