

**OBITUARIES/AREA NEWS**

FORMER BARNES CITY RESIDENT

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Light Plant but left to care for her ill mother.

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2006, they returned to Iowa, living in Lynnville to be closer to family. Since 2016, Hazel has lived in The Cottages in Pella. Hazel was a caring and loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She was an excellent cook and seamstress. All of her family benefited from her lovingly crocheted afghans and other hand-crafted items.

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Hazel is survived by her children, Rodney Duane Hamilton of Barnes City, Joyce Beyer of Lynnville, and Sara Hoover of Cedar Rapids; six grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Gary Brouwer of Grinnell.

She as preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles in 2007; and son, Dennis who was killed in Vietnam in 1968 and buried at Arlington Cemetery in Washington D.C.