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Friends called at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell on Tuesday and the family was present that afternoon.

Memorials may be directed to the Violet House Memorial Fund and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Violet was born on June 2, 1928, near Thornburg, Iowa to Edgar "Jim" and Naomi Marie Gilbreath Sanders. She was raised near Thornburg and Barnes City before moving to Montezuma. She attended school in Montezuma and graduated with the Class of 1945 from Montezuma High School.

In October of 1946, she was united in marriage to Warren Robert Boyd and to this union was born three children, Doris, Robert and Mike. The family made their home in Grinnell, and she worked as a seamstress for DeLong Sports Wear Company and as a waitress in several restaurants in Grinnell.

In June of 1970, she was married to Paul House. Violet and Paul lived in various cities in Nebraska before settling in Lincoln. She worked in the food service at the University of Nebraska. She also traveled coast-to-coast with Paul as a truck driver. She has lived at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown for several years.

Violet enjoyed camping, solving crossword puzzles, cheering on the Nebraska Cornhuskers and spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her daughter, Doris (Robert) Shoup of Grinnell; two sons, Robert (Eunice) Boyd of Carroll and Michael Boyd of Lincoln, Nebraska; her grandchildren, Becky (Bill) Oyler, Jeffrey (Kelli) Cleveland, Larry Cleveland, Sherry (Mark) Meyer, Michael (Patty) Boyd, Bambi (Jeff) Oestmann and Eric (Kelly) Boyd; her great grandchildren, Mark, Shawna, Clayton, Karlee, Joseph, Jessica, Anthony, Gregory, Michael, Matthew, Morgan, Brooke, Michaela and Justin; several great grandchildren; and three sisters, Darlene Aalbers, Eula Fields, Phyllis (LeRoy) Meredith and Mary Lee (Judson) Jones; and many nieces and nephews.

Violet was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; her daughter-in-law, Peggy Boyd; and her sisters and brothers-in-law, Betty (Wayne) Sanders, Esther (Gale) Riggs, and Lois (Kenneth) Massengale.
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