Avis Marie Cogley Kelm, 90

Avis Ma-
rie Cogley Kelm, age 90, of Grin-
nell died on Sat-
day, October 14, 2017, at Grin-
nell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, October 21, 2017, at St. John’s Lu-
theran Church in Grinnell with Pastor Maruti Johan-
ness officiating. A re-
ception followed the ser-
vice in the fellowship hall of St. John’s Lutheran Church. Interment will be at Trinity Lutheran Ceme-
tery north of Grinnell.

Memorials may be di-
rected to the St. John’s Lutheran Church in Grin-
nell or The Brownell Emergency and Trau-
ma Center at Grinnell Region-
al Medical Center, and mailed in care of the
Smith Funeral Home, PO
Box 368, Grinnell, IA
50112. Condolences may be shared with her family online at

Avis was born on De-
scember 12, 1926 on the
family farm in Grinnell, Iowa to John and Clara
Cogley. She graduated in 1944 from Grinnell High
School and then attended Drake University. She ta-
ught in the rural schools and the Malcolm
school district.

On August 4, 1946, Avis was un-
ited in marriage to LaVerne
Charles Kelm. Avis and LaVerne had four
daughters and were mar-
ed 52 years before LaVer-
ne passed in 1998.

LaVerne and Avis were owners of LC Kelm
Plumbing in Grinnell for over 40 years. Avis was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church and
was active in the Lydia Circle. She belonged to the His-
torical and Literary Club for many years. In ad-
tion, she was very active in her Malcolm Worth-
while Club. Avis loved gardening, reading and travel-
ing. She enjoyed playing cards, attending plays and musical events.

Preceding her death was her husband, her par-
ters, her brothers Jim Co-
oley and Clarence Cogley,
her sisters, Eleanor Mas-
son, Barbara Danskin, Bernice Mithelman, and Betty Bryan. Her grand-
daughter, Terri Lynn
Cline also preceded her in
death.

Survivors include her daughters, Lynn (Terry)
Cline of Grinnell, IA, Paula
Devereux of Grinnell,
IA, Sally Kelm of Tama,
IA; June Waage (Scott) of
Naples, FL; her grand-
children Peter (Julianne)
Cline of West Des Moines,
IA; Amy (Jason) Levang of
Des Moines, IA; Julie
(Brian) Sharar of Modes-
to, CA; Jill (Em) Danh of
Plattsburg, CA; Daniel (Ban-
di) of Bolivar MO; Ryan
Waage of Kansas City,
MO and Lauren Waage of
Atlanta, GA. Seven great
grandchildren survive in-
cluding, Cindy Sharar,
Shanina Sharar, Sydney
Cline, Molly Cline, Jacob
Levang, Sam Levang, Ja-
cob Devereux, and Averi
Devereux. Surviving sis-
ters and brothers include,
Joan Hopkins of Savan-
nah, GA; Marilyn Cope-
land of Joerom, IA; Keith
Cogley of Colfax, IA; Pat
Law of Grinnell, IA; Al-
en Cogley of Athens, AL,
and Roy Cogley of Green
Valley, AZ.