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day, March 22, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Burial will be in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Brooklyn.

Visitation will be held from noon to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home, where the family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m.

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Memorial contributions may be directed to the Brooklyn First United Presbyterian Church Chair Lift Fund.

The daughter of John and Matilda Wadsworth Henry, she was born March 4, 1910, in Brooklyn where she was raised and educated. She was married to Marvin J. Gritsch on June 6, 1928, at the First United Presbyterian Church parsonage in Brooklyn. The couple farmed north of Brooklyn until 1941, and then moved to a farm north of Malcom. They retired to Brooklyn in 1960, and later moved to Grinnell in 1986. She had been a resident of Brookhaven Nursing Home in Brooklyn for several years.

She was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn and several church clubs including Trinity Lutheran Women's Circle. She was also a member of the Brooklyn Women's Club.

Survivors include two children, Gene Gritsch and his wife, Marlene of Grinnell and Norma Anderson of Scottsdale, Ariz.; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one brother, John Henry; one son-in-law, Hal Anderson; and one granddaughter, Celeste Anderson.



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