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Memorial contributions may be designated to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

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In 1947, she was united in marriage with Clarence Inris in Grinnell and they were later divorced in 1955. On June 18, 1960, she was united in marriage with Maurice “Mike” Keenan, in Marshalltown. The couple continued to make their home in Grinnell.

Colleen was employed with the Grinnell Shoe Factory, Midwest Manufacturing in Kellogg, and with the Grinnell Hospital. In 1973, she began working in the Housekeeping Department at Grinnell College. She retired from the college in 1992. She then started volunteering at Friendship Manor in Grinnell and that turned into a full-time job for several years.

Colleen held a strong love for her family and she enjoyed sharing her time with her grandchildren. She was a very caring person. She loved to cook, particularly around the holidays, crochet, and was an avid reader. She enjoyed her weekend trips in Iowa and Missouri, attending Flea Markets and craft shows.

She is survived by her two daughters, Melody Montgomery and Michelle (Jeff) Sears, both of Grinnell; three grandchildren, Terry Montgomery of Grinnell, Tiffany Sears of Grinnell and Todd Sears of Des Moines; and one great-granddaughter, Charlie Stevens. She was preceded in death by her parents; her first and second husbands; a son-in-law, Terry Montgomery; two brothers, Richard and Thomas O’Hara; and her sister, Karen Stevens.
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