Shirley Arvidson, 82, of Grinnell and formerly of Malcom, died Tuesday morning, June 18, 2019, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 21, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Burial will be held in the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma. Visitation will be on Thursday, June 20, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home with the family present from 5 to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be to the Unity Point Grinnell Regional Hospice or the Parkinson’s Foundation. Holland-Coble Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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