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A funeral service was held Tuesday, May 30, at Smith Funeral Home with interment at Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

The daughter of George and Doris Lee Clark, she was born May 26, 1936, on the family farm near Hamilton where she was raised, attending schools in Hamilton and Bussey. She was united in marriage with Roy Blagden on Dec. 17, 1955, in Unionville, Mo. They resided in Grinnell where she was a homemaker. In 1973, the couple moved to Malcom and she became a foreman at Stadiums Unlimited in Grinnell. She also worked at the Dinner Bell restaurant in Malcom and the Longhorn in Grinnell. Following the death of her husband, she returned to Grinnell to be closer to her family.

She enjoyed outdoor activities and her grandchildren and great grandchildren, as well as card games and scratch-and-find puzzles.

She is survived by one daughter Patricia Haines of Grinnell and two sons, Duane Blagden of Grinnell and David Blagden Sr. of Springfield, Ohio; one stepdaughter, Sandra Roop of Marshalltown; 14 grandchildren; several great grandchildren; three sisters, Irma Smool of Hamilton and Beulah Morgan and Irma Modlin of Newton; three brothers, Richard Clark of Newton, Eugene Clark of Hamilton and Wendell Clark of Bussey. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her brothers George and Robert Clark and Larry Clark who died in infancy, and her sisters, Edith Linhart and Leona Burk.

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