

Maxine R. Martinson



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A memorial service was held Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the United Methodist Church with the Rev. Len Eberhart, pastor of the church, officiating. Inurnment at Hazelwood Cemetery will take place at a later date. Memorials to Stewart Library Building Fund may be made to Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell IA 50112.

She was born Nov. 12, 1923, in Grinnell to Paul and Dorothy Jacobson Onthank. She was a 1940 graduate of Grinnell High School. She was married on April 4, 1946, to Gene Martinson in Grinnell. She worked for General Telephone Company, then in the early 1960s began a lengthy career as an administrative assistant at Grinnell College.

Family and friends were her chief interests. Her children's friends were always welcome in their home where the hospitality included pop, ice cream and candy. In retirement, she established new friendships on trips to visit her children in Dorchester, Iowa, where she and her husband spent time camping and fishing. For over 40 years, the family hosted a Christmas Eve gathering for friends and family.

She is survived by her husband Gene of Mayflower; her son Michael Martinson of Arlington, Va., and her daughter, Kathy Martinson of Austin, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Marion Onthank.

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Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning at noon today (Monday); family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Stewart Library Building Fund and sent in care of Smith Funeral Home. Condolences may be submitted to the family via the website www.smithfh.com.