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A funeral service was held Monday, Sept. 29, at Lynnville Friends Church with the Rev. Pete Schuler officiating. Interment followed in Woodland Cemetery at Lynnville. A memorial fund has been established in her name.

She was born Aug. 21, 1944, near Kellogg, the daughter of Merle R. and Jean Ardelle Townsend Benson. She was a 1962 graduate of Newton High School and worked at Newton Manufacturing prior to being married to Larry Sparks on May, 6, 1967, in Kellogg. She lived in a variety of locations and in the Philippine Islands during her husband's career in the United States Air Force. She had been an office employee for cable companies in Missouri and Oklahoma and had worked as a junior accountant for Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Omaha, Neb., from 1980 to 1984. She retired and moved to Lynnville in 1984. She was a member of the Lynnville Women's Club, Lynnville T.O.P.S. and had volunteered in Lynnville-Sully Schools.

She is survived by her husband Larry of Lynnville; one daughter Buelah Denmark of Lynnville; one grandson; three brothers, Don Benson of Kellogg, and Steve Benson and Stan Benson, both of Montezuma; two sisters, Jean Ann Ulrey of Grinnell and Barb Wilcox of Montezuma. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Carroll and Kenneth Benson.

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nnville in 1984. Bonnie was a member of the Lynnville Women's Club, Lynnville T.O.P.S. and had volunteered at Lynnville-Sully schools. She also enjoyed needlepoint.

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