

Marjorie was born May 3, 1924, at home on a farm in rural Poweshiek County, the daughter of Jay O. and Cora Metz Ryan. She was raised in the Grinnell area and graduated from Grinnell High School in 1942, after which she taught in a country school in Chester Township for several years.

On Oct. 11, 1947, she married Kenneth R. Halstead in Grinnell, where the couple continued to make their home. She was employed for many years at Poweshiek County National Bank and later with the Manly Law Office. She was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, several bridge clubs, and was a former Cub Scout den mother.

Marjorie enjoyed cooking, sewing, flowers and antiques. She also enjoyed going to flea markets and garage sales looking for antique jewelry, furniture and dishes.

Survivors include two sons, Kirk Halstead of Grinnell and Ric Halstead of Carl Junction, Mo.; two sisters, Alta Buck and Wilma Lincoln, both of Grinnell; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 2005; and three brothers: Harry, Warren, and Wayne Ryan.

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Marjorie Halstead, 85, of Grinnell died Jan. 18, 2010, at the Mayflower Community Health Care Center.

A memorial service will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Len Eberhart, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, presiding. Organist will be Pat Saxton. Burial will be held at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home where the family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Mayflower Community or the Grinnell United Methodist Church.