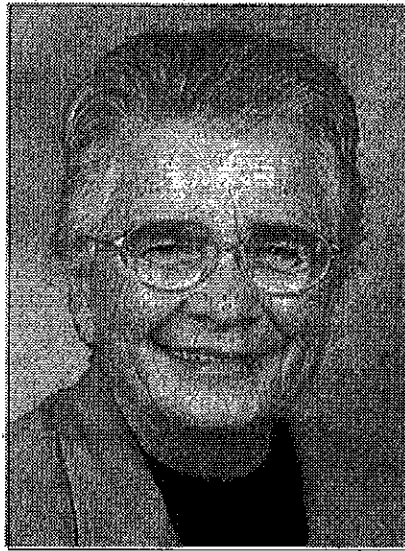


## Audeen Thompson



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A funeral service was held Monday, Sept. 28, at the Smith Funeral Home with Rev. Susan Sanning, chaplain of Grinnell Regional Hospice, officiating. Casket bearers were Glenn, John, Sheldon, Jesse and Shane Thompson; Mac Ahrens; Katie Neleman; Paul Davis; and Jeremy Shepard. Interment was at Westfield Cemetery, south of Grinnell.

Memorials may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice or to the Westfield Cemetery Association.

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Audeen enjoyed collecting coins and stamps, bird watching, raising flowers, studying her bible and spending time with her grandchildren. She was a life-time member of the former Northside Friends Church of Grinnell. Following her death she was a cornea donor.

Survivors include her daughter, Recca Ahrens of Grinnell; three sons, Glenn Thompson of Madrid, and John Thompson and Sheldon Thompson, both of Grinnell; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Denny Criswell of Des Moines and David Criswell of Galesburg; and four sisters, Ruth Martin and Analee Horstmann, both of Grinnell, and Audrey Brand and Kathy Van Norden, both of Sully.

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