She was born on May 21, 1919, in Stella, Neb., to William and Myrtle Holland Veal. The family moved to Parks, Neb., where she was raised and graduated from high school.

On May 29, 1936, she was united in marriage with Dale (Joe) Workman in Parks. The couple lived in various communities in the Midwest before moving to Gilman in 1956. Her husband was the superintendant of the Martin-Marietta Quarry near Ferguson and she was a homemaker. Following their retirement they enjoyed spending the winter months in Arizona.

She was a member of the Gilman Community United Church of Christ, the Women's Guild of the church and the Gilman Senior Citizens.

She is survived by her daughters and son, Patricia Edaburn of Cedar Rapids; Janice Lovig of Gilman and Paul Workman of Kellogg; 11 grand-children; 18 great grandchildren; and one sister, Constance Green of Van Nuys, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sons, Dickie and Jackie Workman; four brothers, John, Carl, Paul and William Veal, and one sister, Mildred Gordon.

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Ruth Workman, 90, of Grinnell died Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010, at Mayflower Health Care Center.

A funeral service will be held Friday, Feb. 5, at 10:30 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. John Saxton, chaplain of the Mayflower Community, officiating. Music will be by Janice Everts. Casket bearers will be her grandchildren, Dale, Diana and David Edaburn; Mark, John and Kirk Lovig; Shelly Workman; and Heather Benesh and Cathy Lang, Interment will be in Prairie View Cemetery, Gilman.

Friends may call at the funeral home beginning at 12 noon on Thursday with family members present from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Gilman Community-United Church of Christ or to Grinnell Regional Hospice.