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A celebration of life service will be held Wednesday, Oct. 27, at 10:30 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Grinnell with interment in Rock Creek Cemetery, rural Grinnell.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 2 to 7 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with family members present from 5 to 7 p.m.

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She was born Sept. 14, 1921, near Brooklyn, the only child of Theodore and Bernice Brush Kann. She was a graduate of Brooklyn High School who later moved to Grinnell with her parents.

On Jan. 26, 1947, she was united in marriage with Albert R. Deppe who was raising three young sons on the family farm in the Rock Creek area west of Grinnell. She raised sheep and a large vegetable and flower garden, and became active in the Jasper County Farm Bureau, 4-H leadership, Victor Grange and St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kellogg. She later joined St. John's Lutheran Church in Grinnell and was a member of its Mary Martha Circle.

She is survived by her sons and daughters Laird Deppe of Kellogg, Charles Deppe of Jewell, Linda Lester of Grinnell, Ronald Deppe of Grinnell and Patricia Shelton of San Antonio, Texas; 15 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; and three great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and one son, Jerry Deppe.

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On Jan. 26, 1947, she was married to Albert R. Deppe, who was raising three young sons of his own on the family farm in the Rock Creek neighborhood west of Grinnell. Virginia quickly became a mother and a hard-working partner on their farm. She raised sheep and tended a large flower and vegetable garden, feeding many members of the growing family. During this time, she was also active in the Jasper Co. Farm Bureau, 4-H leadership, Victor Grange and St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Kellogg.

In later years, she joined St. John's Lutheran Church in Grinnell and was a member of the Mary Martha Circle. She enjoyed reading, sewing, quilting, traveling and testing recipes from the Food Network. Virginia generously shared her gifts of cooking and sewing with friends, family and those in need.

Survivors include her children, Laird (Marilyn) Deppe of Kellogg, Charles (Sandra) Deppe of Jewell, Linda (Charles) Lester of Grinnell, Ronald (Cindy) Deppe of Grinnell, and Patricia (Wayne) Skelton of San Antonio, Texas; one daughter-in-law, Luevena Deppe of Bandera, Texas; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

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