Iona Hudnutt

Iona Hudnutt, 88, of Grinnell died Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at Mayflower Community Health Care Center.

A celebration of her life will be held Saturday, March 5, at 1 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home.

Visitation will be held Friday at Smith funeral Home from 12 until 5 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Iona Hudnutt Memorial Fund, PO Box 368, Grinnell IA 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with her family at www.smithfh.com.

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She was born Oct. 25, 1922, on her family's farm near Montezuma, the daughter of Cecil and LaVina Shook Miller She was raised near Montezuma, graduating from Searsboro High School in 1942.

She was united in marriage with Lyle (Mike) Hudmutt on May 31, 1943, in Wichita Falls, Texas. Her husband was an active member of the United States Army Air Corps during World War II, and they resided in several locations, after which they returned to Iowa, locating in Grinnell for the remainder of their lives.

She was employed as a receptionist and labor reporter at Farmhand for 21 years, retiring on Aug. 31, 1991.

She was a member of West Liberty Church of Christ, Grinnell Christian Church, Grinnell Lady Elks, Grinnell Eagles Auxiliary and Oakland Acres ladies' golf league.

She is survived by her daughter and sons, Judy Haslow of Escanaba, Mich.,

Michael Hudnutt of Grinnell and Randy Hudnutt of Studio City, Calif.; her foster sons, Denny and Fred Rook; eight grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and her brother and sister, Cletus Miller and Lois Douglass, both of Montezuma. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her brothers, Forrest, Calvin and Marion Miller; and one sister, Virginia Miller, who died in infancy.

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She was united in marriage to Lyle "Mike" Hudnutt on May 31, 1943, in Wichita Falls, Texas. Lyle was an active service member of the United States Army Air Corp. during World War II and the couple lived in several locations. Following his service, the couple returned to Iowa and they lived in Grinnell all of their lives. She was employed as a receptionist and labor reporter at Farm Hand in Grinnell for 21 years, retiring on Aug. 31, 1991.

Iona was a member of the West Liberty Church of Christ, the Grinnell Christian Church, Lady Elks, Grinnell Eagles Auxiliary, and the Oakland Acres ladies league. She dearly loved her family and she enjoyed attending her grandchildren's sporting and school events. She was an excellent cook who prepared countless Sunday meals for her family, her specialty being fried chicken with potato salad with a dash of TLC. Her enjoyments included golfing, watching football, especially the Green Bay Packers, and tending to her flowers and garden. She will be remembered for her loving smile and her good spirit.

Iona is survived by her children, Judy Haslow of Escanaba, Mich., Michael Hudnutt of Grinnell, and Randy Hudnutt of Studio City, Calif.; her foster sons, Denny and Fred Rook, eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and her siblings, Cletus Miller of Montezuma and Lois

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Miller, who died in infancy.

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