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Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home Monday beginning at 2 p.m. with family members present from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

A memorial fund will be established in her name.

She was born April 21, 1923, in Montezuma to Lester and Leona Coburn Gruhn. She was raised in the Malcom area, graduating from Malcom High School with the class of 1940. She moved to Grinnell where she was employed at the Grinnell Shoe Company and the Grinnell Glove Factory.

She was united in marriage with George W. Johnson in Atchison, Kan., on June 2, 1945. They resided in Kellogg and she worked at Midwest Manufacturing Company for 33 years. They later moved to Grinnell where she worked in the laundry service at Grinnell Regional Medical Center and also helped manage Lakeside Mobile Home Court.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her daughter Kathy Kriegel of Grinnell; her stepdaughter Patricia Johnson of Grinnell; seven grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and one brother, Ramon Gruhn of Grinnell. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son Russ Johnson; one stepson Tom Johnson; one brother, Harold Gruhn; one sister, Lucille Gruhn and one step-grandson Barry Stark.

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She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Grinnell. She enjoyed crafts and ceramics, dancing, traveling and playing dominos. She also enjoyed volunteering at the Iowa State Fair, assisting with Windsor Manor activities, and spending time with her grandchildren.

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