

GHR 2-21-11

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Memorials may be made to the Mayflower Community Health Care Center in care of Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell IA 50112. Memories and condolences also may be shared with her family at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

Blanche Lavina Osborn was born Aug. 7, 1922, in Malcom, the daughter of John S. and Blanche C. Christianson Osborn. She was raised on the family farm and attended schools in Montezuma and Brooklyn. After graduating from Brooklyn High School, she took a teaching course, then began teaching that fall. She attended Drake University in Des Moines during the summer and weekends to earn her Bachelor's degree in education. She devoted her life to teaching, receiving the Lifetime Teaching Certificate from the State of Iowa. She retired from teaching at Bailey Park School in 1987. She was a member of the Iowa State Education Association and the National Education Association. She moved to the Mayflower Community in 2003.

She is survived by her brother Glenn Osborn of Montezuma; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, John, Lester and Raymond Osborn; and her sisters Dorothy Osborn, Edith Osborn and Mamie McKee.

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Visitation will be held prior to the service from 12 to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Lavina held a great passion for gardening and her flowers. She also enjoyed purchasing a new Chevy every other year. In her retirement, she got to travel the United States and even Europe.

Lavina is survived by her brother, Glenn (Phyllis) Osborn, of Montezuma; and several nieces and nephews.

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