

**Julia Ford** 6H-R  
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Visitation was scheduled from 12 noon to 7 p.m. Monday at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the family present from 5 to 7 Monday evening.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice, Grinnell United Methodist Church or PALS.

Julia was born May 24, 1922, at her parent's home in Grinnell, the daughter of Louis and Ruth German Terpstra. She was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School in 1940. She later attended nursing school for two years. After her education she worked for the Ben Franklin Store and Bartlett Jewelry in Grinnell.

On July 7, 1946, she was united in marriage with Burdette D. Ford, at the Grinnell United Methodist Church. The couple made their home in Grinnell where they raised their five children. For several years she was also employed at Danish Maid Bakery and later McNally's Grocery Store in the bakery department. She moved to Seeland Park in Grinnell in August of 2007.

hay racks which taken together provide the stage room bands need.

Howard's farm and food backgrounds led him to accept the job last year handling the vendors at Grinnell's RAGBRAI stop. He points out that he knew how to organize booths and electricity from his years with car shows and other community involvement.

"Part of my motivation was that one of our goals in town was to keep everything local," Howard recalls. "We were interested in the money being spent in Grinnell. No other town had done that before. We were very successful at that."

"I have been out of my comfort zone on lots of projects," says Howard with a laugh, remembering that the RAGBRAI job turned out to be more

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She was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women.

Julia was very family oriented; she loved family activities and gatherings with Christmas Eve being a very special family time in her home. She was quiet-natured, but knew the value of hard work and would lead by example. In her spare time, she liked to travel, go antique shopping and doing craft work, including embroidering and sewing.

Survivors include her five children, Richard (Sue) Ford of Grinnell, Jerry (Karen) Ford of Grinnell, Gene (Chris) Ford of Oviedo, Fla., Connie (Joe) Phipps of Grinnell, and Tom (Anita) Ford of Oakland Acres; one sister, Rosellen Kensinger of Ft. Dodge; 14 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Burdette, in 2009; and two grandchildren, Rhian Michael-John Ford and Melissa Hosey.

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