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Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning 12 noon on Friday and the family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday.

Should friends desire memorials may be directed to the Grinnell Christian Church or to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

Clara was born Wednesday, April 30, 1924, in Grinnell, to Knudt and Olga Figland Larsen. She was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School with the Class of 1942. Following her high school graduation, she received a teaching certificate and taught in a rural school locally.

On May 24, 1944, she was united in marriage with Warren Edgar Ryan in Grinnell. The couple operated a grain and livestock farm near Grinnell and Malcom. Following their retirement they moved to Grinnell and wintered in Arizona.

She reveled in gardening and her floral arrangements were Iowa State Fair award winners. She also loved family gatherings and was active in various functions in her community and her church. She enjoyed playing cards and traveling.

She is survived by her children, Marilyn Kay Krause of Sedona, Ariz.,

Judith Ann Ryan (Wiedermann) of Pasadena, Calif., and James Warren Ryan of Phoenix, Ariz.; five grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; two sisters, Louise Doty and Gladys Larsen, both of Grinnell; and three brothers, Raymond Larsen and Delmar Larsen, both of Grinnell and Roger Larsen of Littleton, Colo.

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Clara had a strong commitment to her family, friends, her church and to God. She reveled in gardening and her floral arrangements were Iowa State Fair award winners. She also loved family gatherings and was active in various functions in her community and her church. She enjoyed playing cards and traveling and life with her late husband. She continued to love and socialize with her family and friends from her hospice room until a week before her death.

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