

Mabel Brown

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Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

Mabel was born March 7, 1919, at the family home in Iowa City, the daughter of Frank and Frances Smith Beck. Later that year, she moved with her family to Grinnell where she was raised and educated. She was a 1938 graduate of Grinnell High School. While in school she worked for attorney Harry Weeks and also part-time at the Credit Bureau in Grinnell.

On Dec. 31, 1939, she was united in marriage with William Philo Brown in Montezuma. The couple moved to Montezuma in April of 1940, and she worked at Bechly & Company Abstract Office, Monte Café and for Judge Frank Bechly. From 1968 to 1982, she was employed at Miracle Recreation Company in Grinnell. She returned to Grinnell in 2007.

As a girl, she attended Grinnell United Methodist Church. While living in Montezuma she attended both the Presbyterian and United Methodist Churches. She was a member of the Piecemakers Quilt Guild.

Mabel enjoyed most arts and crafts, including quilting and cross-stitching. She was an avid reader and had traveled throughout most of the U.S. and to Europe.

Survivors include six children, Bob Brown of Monett, Mo., Joyce

Waller-Diemont of San Juan Bautista, Calif., Mike Brown of New Sharon, Dave Brown of Grinnell, Jim Brown of Colfax and Kevin Brown of Bellbrook, Ohio; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 1975; one daughter in infancy, Janet Carol Brown; two sisters, Gertrude Pollard and Carol McDaniel; one brother, Harold Beck; and one great-grandchild.

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