Helen I. Adkins a-37-

Helen I. Adkins, 94, of Grinnell, died on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2014, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Private family services will be held at a later date at the Friends Cemetery in New Sharon. The Smith Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Helen was born on June 21, 1919, in New Sharon to Weldon and Hazel Mortland Shaw. She was raised in New Sharon and graduated from New Sharon High School with the Class of

On Feb. 21, 1940, she married Lloyd W. Adkins in Washington. The couple lived briefly at Barnes City before moving to a farm near New Sharon. Following the death of her husband in 1954, she moved into New Sharon and began working for Crystal Cleaners in Oskaloosa. She worked for Crystal Cleaners for over 30 years and moved to Grinnell following her retirement.

She is survived by her children, Jim Adkins of Urbandale and Linda Collett of Grinnell; six grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and one great great grandson.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; and her brother, Don Shaw.