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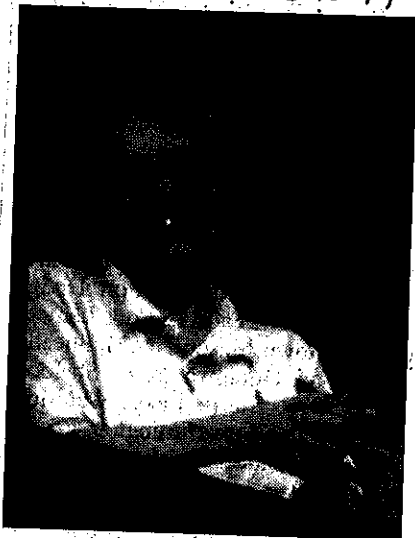
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Visitation will be held from 12 until 5 p.m. on Sunday at the Smith Funeral

Home, with the family present to greet friends from 2 until 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

Memorials may be designated to the First Friends Church, Westfield Cemetery Association, Special Olympics, or Quakerdale, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with her family at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

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She was united in marriage with Robert Andrew Pearce on July 3, 1969, at the First Baptist Church in Grinnell, and they had two sons. They operated a dairy farm in Grinnell for over 14 years and she also worked as a cook for the Grinnell School District, the Mayflower Community, Kellogg Café, and the Lynnville Café. She was a member of the Grinnell Dance Club and the Grinnell Friends Church, where she taught Bible school and Sunday school. She also was a substitute school bus driver for Bob at the Newton School District.

She loved being a farm wife and being at home to raise her sons. Dolly was very devoted to her family and to her church and its activities. She enjoyed traveling, especially to Pearce family reunions in California, Colorado and Canada, preparing meals from the hun-

dreds of recipes she had in her library, and going to dances with Bob.

Dolly is survived by her husband of 45 years, Robert Pearce of Grinnell; two sons, William S. Pearce of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Benjamin D. Pearce of Grinnell; three grandchildren; and three sisters, Barbara Callison of Blackfoot, Idaho, Nancy Whittenburg of Wyndmere, N.D., and Joyce Schlosser of Omaha, Neb.

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Dolly's family and her faith were her life. She devoted her life to helping and improving the lives of others. She loved being a farm wife and having the ability to be at home to raise her sons. She was a very devoted Christian who volunteered countless hours at church activities. Her enjoyments included traveling, especially to the Pearce family reunions in California, Colorado and Canada, preparing meals from the hundreds of recipes she had in her library, and going to dances with Bob.

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