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Should friends desire, memorials may be given to either the Montezuma Nursing Home or to the Care Imitative Hospice and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

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In 1945, she was united in marriage to Ralph D. Williams. The couple operated a grain and livestock farm west of Barnes City. Berneice was a homemaker and loving mother of five children. Following the death of her husband in 1976, she lived in Grinnell and Barnes City before moving to the Montezuma Nursing and Rehabilitation Center two years ago.

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