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A funeral service was held on Monday, November 10, 2014, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Rev. John Epperson officiating. Casket Bearers were Bob Gauley, James King, Mike Porter, Mark Porter, Reece Porter and Mitchell Porter. Interment will be at the Pleasant Township Cemetery near Ewart, Iowa.

Should friends desire, memorials may be directed to the Beltrami Humane Society and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Clara was born on September 4, 1914, near Montezuma, Iowa to James and Harriett (Armstrong) Gauley. She attended a rural school near Deep River, Iowa. On December 4, 1937, she was united in marriage to Robert McMeekin in Marshalltown, Iowa. The couple lived in Grinnell and she worked at Swift and Company, the dietary department of the former St. Francis Hospital and as a housekeeper for Henry Alden for over 30 years. She also cleaned apartments for several elderly ladies, until she retired at the age of 75. Clara was a member of

the Rebecca Lodge, the Pythian Sisters and the First Presbyterian Church. Clara enjoyed many years of family camping trips, gardening and canning her produce. She moved to Minnesota in 2009 to be near her daughter. She loved it there and stayed very active. Clara will be missed by her nurses and aides at the Homestead Nursing Home. She enjoyed spending time with her family and they were the joy in her life.

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Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Mary Louise (John) Beem of Bena, Minnesota; her adopted daughter, Katie (King) Librasci of Melbourne, Florida; two grandsons, Mike Porter of Bena and

Mark (Laurie) Porter of Warba, Minnesota; two great grandsons, Reece and Mitchell Porter of Warba; three step grandchildren, James Beem of Waterloo, Iowa, Joe (Kim) Beem of El Paso, Texas and Mary (James) Beem-Jones of Woodlawn, Tennessee; six step great grandchildren, Jason and John Beem of Waterloo, Aubrey and Joey Beem of Baxter, Iowa and Annie and Kevin Kuhnert of Woodlawn; three sisters, Mildred King of Grinnell, Eunice Martin of Indianapolis, Indiana and Margaret Reid of Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

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