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Frances Pauline McAtee Brummit, 84, of Grinnell, died Sunday, March 15, 2015, of complications of pneumonia at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 28, at the First Friends Church in Grinnell. A reception will follow from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the First Friends Church.

Memorials may be directed to the Frances Brummit Memorial Fund and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Frances was born to Russell McAtee and Mabel Berniece Long on Nov. 27, 1930, in Trenton, Mo., the eldest of their five children with four younger brothers, Richard, Lionel, David and Calvin.

She married Irvin William Blattner in May 1949. They had four children and later divorced. She was later married to Marion Moffit until his death, and then married Chester Hess in 1979 - sharing a farm life with him which included trips to Hawaii, state-to-state traveling and balancing the books for the Hess Farm. She enjoyed her life as a farmer's wife. Chester died in 1985 and Frances married J.T. Brummit in 1989, again becoming a farmer's wife again as they nurtured a Christmas tree farm. She left Trenton, Mo., in 2002 and moved to Iowa. She spent the remainder of her years living with her daughter Louise, and touched the lives of many children throughout the years of assisting Louise in her daycare.

She is survived by her children, Louise Bryan of Grinnell, Douglas Blattner of Millersburg, and Glenn Blattner of Georgia; 13 grandchildren; and 28 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother Richard McAtee; one son Russell; and her step-mother, Wilma Raines Blattner.