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A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 26, at Smith Fu-

neral Home in Grinnell with burial at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

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Friends may call at the funeral home beginning 9 a.m. on Tuesday. The family will be present one hour prior to the service.

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The family was present at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be directed to PALS and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Maggie was born on May 27, 1925, in Grinnell, Iowa, to Edward and Anna Jones Milligan. She was raised in Grinnell and attended Grinnell schools.

On March 27, 1947, she was married to Dave Barns in Iowa City and to this union was born three sons, Vernon, James and Jerry. The couple made their home in Grinnell and she was employed as a cook for the Grinnell-Newburg School District for 35 years. She retired in 1999. After fracturing her hip a few years ago she moved to an apartment at Seeland Park in Grinnell.

Maggie enjoyed maintaining her yard and she shoveled her walks and mowed her lawn until she was in her early 80s. She was very proud of her seven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren and enjoyed spending time with them.

Survivors include her three sons, Vernon "Skip" (Mary Kate) Barns of Hannibal, Mo., James (Sheri) Barns of Bella Vista, Ark., and Jerry (Linda) Barns of Grinnell; seven grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; and one sister-in-law, Opal Barns of Grinnell.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; two brothers, Vernon and Edward Milligan; and one sister, Mary Milligan, who died in infancy.