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She was born Nov. 26, 1924, on the family farm near Brooklyn to John and Della Smith Patten. She was a graduate of Brooklyn High School with the class of 1942, then taught in a rural school near Montezuma. On Aug. 11, 1944, she was married to Frank Farrell in Cedar Rapids. The lived in Cedar Rapids and Davenport and later were divorced after which she moved to Grinnell. She was married on March 27, 1955, to Carmen (Cocky) Wilson in Omaha, Neb. They resided in Kellogg and Grinnell. She was occupied as a wife and mother and also was employed at businesses in Kellogg and Grinnell.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Grinnell Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary and enjoyed needlework, crafts and crossword puzzles.

She is survived by four sons, Frank Farrell of Winchester, Calif., Bill Farrell of Grinnell, Jack Wilson of Riverside, Calif., and Rod Wilson of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; seven grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; seven sisters, Doraldine Edstrom of Omaha,

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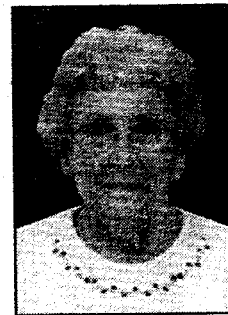
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Norma was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Grinnell Fire Department Auxiliary, and she enjoyed needlework, crafts and solving crossword puzzles. She also was an avid Iowa Hawkeyes fan, and she enjoyed following local sporting events.

Survivors include her children and their spouses, Frank and Margaret Farrell of Winchester, Calif., Bill and Brenda Farrell of Grinnell, Jack Wilson of Riverside, Calif., and Rod and Lisa Wilson of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; seven grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; seven sisters, Doraldine Edstrom of Omaha, Neb., Anna Belle Robison of Cedar Falls, Donna Collum of DeWitt, Pat Clark of Kellogg, Nancy Ogden of Texas, Lila McCammant of Grinnell, and Linda Patton of Grinnell; and three brothers, Wayne Patton of Brooklyn, Ed Patton of Lebanon, Mo., and Jim Patton of Brooklyn.

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