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Visitation will be until 9 p.m. today (Monday) at the funeral home; the family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond; her parents, Virgil and Dorothy Stone; two children, Brian Graham of Cedar Rapids and Stacy Walton of Grinnell; a granddaughter; and a brother, Richard Stone of Ankeny.

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She was born, the daughter of Walter and Ada Benton Torrance, on Nov. 18, 1925, in Hartwick. She was raised in Hartwick and Grinnell and was a 1944 graduate of Grinnell High School. She was united marriage with William Edward Landon of Mountain Park, Md., on May 15, 1945, in Galveston, Texas. To this union were born four children, William (Sam), Leigh Anne, Scott and Paul. She was a homemaker and took special care of her son Sam who suffered from muscular dystrophy. She was an excellent cook, an avid reader who enjoyed crossword puzzles, playing scrabble and bird watching at her rural home north of Millersburg.

She is survived by one daughter, Leigh Anne Downs of St. Charles, Mo.; two sons Scott Landon of Burlington and Paul Landon of Des Moines; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren and two sisters, Carol Kensler of Marengo and Irene Houck of Tucson, Ariz. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her son, Sam, three half brothers, Scott, Pheral and Clare and three half sisters, Ruth, Evelyn and Lois.

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She was born Sept. 24, 1951, in Grinnell, the daughter of Virgil and Dorothy Neitzel Stone and was raised in Sheridan Township near Grinnell. She was a 1969 graduate of Grinnell High School and a graduate of AIB College of Business in Des Moines. She also attended Iowa State University in Ames. She was married on Feb. 26, 1972, to her high school sweetheart, Raymond Graham, in Sheridan United Methodist Church. They lived in the Ames area before moving to the Grinnell area in 1977. A devoted mother and homemaker, she also was employed from 1989 to 2002 at Mayflower Homes in Grinnell where she enjoyed interacting with residents and working with friends on the staff.

She was a member of Sheridan United Methodist Church where she was church organist for many years. She also was a member of United Methodist Women and the Homemakers Club of Sheridan Township.

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