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Her funeral service was Tuesday, Jan. 24, at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma with the Rev. Harley Schull of Grinnell officiating. Interment was at Montour Cemetery in Montour. Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma was in charge of the arrangements.

Casket bearers were Curtis Routier, Matt Routier, Randy Routier, John Routier, David Hofer and Steve Hofer.

Darlene was born Jan. 31, 1938 at Montour, the daughter of Leonard D. and Margaret (Davis) Hofer. She attended schools in Marshalltown and Tama County. On June 19, 1954 she was united in marriage with Lawrence

Routier at Grinnell. To this union three children were born. They lived in Grinnell most of their married life where Darlene worked in various factories, retiring from DeLongs. She liked to fish and camp and especially enjoyed her family more than anything in life.

Darlene is survived by her husband, Lawrence; sons Jerry (and Karri) Kirby of Malcom and James of Grinnell; a daughter, Judy Routier of Brooklyn; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; her mother, Margaret Hofer, one brother, Robert Hofer of Des Moines; four sisters, Gladys Schrage of Melrose, Janet Sheets of Grinnell, Jesse Mefford of Des Moines and Jenny Burgett also of Des Moines; and other relatives and friends.

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