

GRINNELL RESIDENT

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Barbara J. Thomson, 93



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Visitation was on Friday at the Smith Funeral Home and her family greeting friends on Friday evening.

Memorials may be designated to the St. Francis Manor Foundation and may be mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared online with her family at www.smithfh.com.

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Martin. The couple farmed five miles north of Grinnell. Barbara was a homemaker for many years and enjoyed raising her children and staying busy on the farm. When her sons were in high school, she began working at Bang's Apparel and later at Ross' clothing store, where she was the manager. Paul and Barb moved to Seeland Park in Grinnell in 1992. She was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church in Grinnell.

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