

Betty Osborn

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Memorials may be designated to the Betty Osborn Memorial Fund, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family online at www.smithfh.com.

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Betty's family always came first and she dearly loved her grandchildren. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed hosting holiday meals and the annual Osborn family reunion on the family farm. She spent countless hours tending to her garden and canning. Her enjoyments were traveling, especially to California, giving Gene a hard time, visiting with friends over a cup of coffee, and going to Meskwaki Casino. She will be remembered for the love of her family and her kind and loving way.

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Betty was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bill McGarry; son, Joseph McGarry; grandson, Gabe Hauerperger; brother, John Bennett; and sisters, Ruth Ehlers and Dorothy Manatt.



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