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Memorial contributions may be directed to Newton Hospice.

Leone was married to Raymond E. Criswell on February 7, 1939, in Unionville, Mo. For several years they farmed near Malcom and then moved to Grinnell. She was later married to Wayne L. Gropper on May 8, 1968, in Moline, Ill. and they moved to their home in Oakland Acres in 1977. Leone owned and operated BoKay Flowers in Grinnell and later was employed part-time for Bates Flowers. She was an active member of the Eastern Star, Eagles Auxiliary, and Elks Auxiliary.

Survivors include two children and their spouses, Karen and John Schermerhorn of Newton and Fred and Marge Criswell of Newton; a daughter-in-law, Kennetha Criswell of Searsboro; two step-children, Mary Johnson of Harlan and Marilyn Gropper of St. Paul, Minn.; one brother, Richard Loomis and his wife, Betty of Daytona Beach, Fla.; seven grandchildren; one step-grandchild; eleven great-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands; one son, Jerry Allen Criswell; and two sisters, Betty Frank and Josephine Werner.

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