

## Colene Needham



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Her body has been cremated. A graveside memorial service will be held Saturday, Sept. 9, at 10 a.m. at Woodland Cemetery in Lynnville. Memorials may be made to the Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge-Prairie Leaning Center, PO Box 399, Prairie City IA 50228.

The daughter of W. P. and Hester Shaffer Sparks, she was born Nov. 16, 1918, in Lynnville. She attended school in Lynnville and later worked for the State of Iowa. She was a bird enthusiast and raised parakeets and canaries.

She is survived by three sons, Gary Needham of Cedar Falls, Mike Needham of Rock Creek Lake and Terry Needham of Newton; nine grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren and one sister Madeline Baarda of Lynnville. She was preceded in death by her parents; one son Tim; two brothers Roscoe and Dwight Sparks, and four sisters, Neta Pothoven, Zola Savage, Mamie Christenson and Gayle Hanson.

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