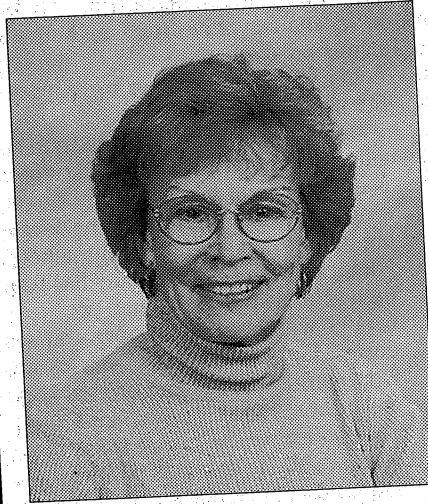


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Marilyn was humble, generous, compassionate, and a consummate homemaker. She was a gifted seamstress who made clothes for her children and grandchildren, receiving state and national recognition for several of her projects. Marilyn was a full-time working partner on the dairy farm requiring early morning and late afternoon milking chores year-round.

Marilyn was active in Victor Grange, Newburg-Chester Congregational Church, 4-H, and The Arc (formerly ARC). She was instrumental in establishing group homes in Grinnell for people with disabilities. She enjoyed playing piano, card games, and attending dances. After her children were grown, Marilyn worked for the Grinnell-Newburg Community School District.

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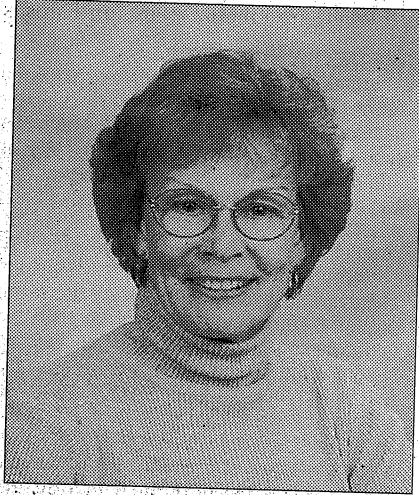
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