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## **Mabel N. Watson**

Mabel M. Watson, 93, of Searsboro died Wednesday, July 4, 2007, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, July 10, at 10:30 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home with interment to follow in the Searsboro Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Mabel M. Watson Memorial Fund to benefit organizations of the family's choice. Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home beginning at 12 noon Monday with family members present to greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m.

On-line condolences may be submitted to the family at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

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She was born, the daughter of Philip and Mary Livezey Barnhart, on Nov. 9, 1913, near Searsboro. She was raised on the family farm and attended Searsboro schools, graduating with the Searsboro High School Class of 1931. She was united in marriage with Joe Henry Watson on July 14, 1933, in Emmetsburg. The couple farmed near Searsboro and she was a homemaker. She later was employed at DeLong's Sportswear in Grinnell as a seamstress from 1952 to 1978.

She was a member of the Grinnell American Legion Auxiliary. She especially enjoyed her family and looked forward to family gatherings, gardening, bird watching and traveling to Texas during Iowa's winter months. She was well known for her cooking and her homemade pies.

She is survived by her children Katherine Arment of Grinnell, Dennis Watson of Rochester, Minn., and Douglas Watson of North Liberty; six grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; and two brothers, Merrill Barnhart of Portland, Oregon, and Duane Barnhart of Sequim, Wash.. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Joe on Sept. 20, 1973, her daughter Karen on Jan. 28, 1972; one grandson in infancy, and two sisters, Glema Kasheimer and Lola Barnhart.

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Mabel was a member of the Grinnell American Legion Auxiliary. She held a strong love for her family and often looked forward to family gatherings. Mabel's enjoyments included gardening, watching the birds, and traveling to Texas during the Iowa winter months. She was well known for her cooking and her homemade pies.

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