Margaret A. Gruhn



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A graveside service and burial was held Friday, Feb. 1, at Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcom with the Rev. William Reynolds, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell, presiding. Pallbearers included members of the family

Born Oct. 8, 1910, in Portsmouth, Iowa, she was the daughter of Paul J. and Ollie Neubauer Wiese. She later moved with her family to West Liberty, where she gratuated from West Liberty High School in 1928.

On Dec. 20, 1938, she married Donovan Gruhn at Rock Island, Ill. The couple lived near Malcom, then moved to Cedar Rapids, where she made her home for 52 years. She worked at Quaker Oats and at a local drug score for several years, then the couple farmed and raised livestock on an acreage southwest of Cedar Rapids. She moved to Grinnell in 1987 and moved to St. Francis Manor in 2006.

She was said to know the value of hard work, especially the daily chores on her acreage. She enjoyed gardening, canning and corresponding with family members and friends.

She is survived by a daughter, Joan Krohn of Indian Head Park, Ill.; two grandchildren; a brother, Jim Wiese of West Liberty; two sisters, Kay Elder of Burlington and Blanche Robertson of Malcom; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Donald; a brother Paul; and a sister, Marie Walker.

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