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OBITUARIES

Birdie E. Coburn, 85

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A memorial fund has been established.

She is survived by her children, Donnette Williams and husband, George, of Greencastle, Ind., Birdeen Minnich and husband, Larry, of Garwin, and Don Coburn and wife, Donnette, of Brooklyn; eight grandchildren, Angela Himschoot (Toby Edwards) of Grinnell, Rick Himschoot (Mellissa) of Williamsburg, Chad Coburn (Crystal) of Victor, Cindy White (Mike) of Greencastle, Ind., Carla McClenathan (Roger) of Brooklyn, Joshua Coburn (Michelle) of Montezuma, Jessie Lacaeyse (Joel) of Montezuma, and Stephanie Kalinay of Roland; seven bonus grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren, and 19 bonus great-grandchildren. Also surviving is a sister, Patsy Picknell of Eldon, Mo., two sisters-in-law, Rosemary Kibbee of Grinnell, and Frances Kibbee of Newton; and many special nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Donald; a daughter, Doneen; two brothers, Earl and Harold Kibbee; and twin grandsons, Mark and Joel Williams.

Birdie Emeline Kibbee was born May 22, 1923, in Blue Earth, Minn., the daughter of Edmund and Gladys Thomas Kibbee. She graduated from Brooklyn High School in 1942. She was employed as a "Rosie the Riveter" during World War II in California. Upon returning to Iowa, she worked as a waitress at the Dutch Inn, and worked at the Grinnell Glove Factory. Birdie married Donald A. Coburn on Jan. 23, 1948, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. She was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother, and kept a loving home. Birdie was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn, and Friends of the Library. She enjoyed oil painting, bowling, square dancing, sewing and "giving hugs." She was one of the "Southside Twins," a tap-dancing and yodeling pair, a Cub Scout leader, Campfire Girls leader and a Sunday School teacher.

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