A funeral service was held Saturday, March 7, at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Marvin Siems, pastor of the Laurel United Methodist Church, officiating. Music was by Clint and Julie Francisco, vocalists, and Janice Everts, pianist. Casket bearers were her grandchildren, Wesley Paul, Dawn Johnson, Colton Paul, Johnny Wilson, Dylan Johnson, Dakota Johnson, Devon Johnson, Jadyn Johnson, Jason Thomas, Holly Thomas, Natasha Schuchmann, Molly Wilson and Taylor Thomas, Interment was in Rose Hill Memorial Garden in Marshalltown.

Memorials may be made to the Laurel United Methodist Church or to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

She was born March 25, 1926, in Fredericksburg, Iowa, to Sam and Karen Grimsby Hartman. At the age of five she was taken to the home of Mamie Auger Hawk, who raised her. She grew up in Van Cleve and Laurel and attended public school.

On June 27, 1942, she was united in marriage with Floyd Paul in Unionville, Mo. The couple farmed their entire life in the Gilman area. She also worked at the Wolfe Eye Clinic in Marshalltown and at Ludden's Medicap Pharmacy in Grinnell.

She was a member of Laurel United Methodist Church and the Order of Eastern Star. She enjoyed raising flowers, music, fishing in Canada and Minnesota and spending time with her family and friends.

Survivors include her children, Gary Paul of Gilman and Cynthia Robinett of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren and one great great granddaughter. She was preceded in death by her husband; one granddaugher and a special friend, Albert Neighbors.

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A funeral service will be held Saturday, March 7, at 10:30 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home. Interment will be at Rose Hill Memorial Garden in Marshalltown. Friends may call at the funeral home on Friday beginning at 12 noon with members of the Paul family present from 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Laurel United Methodist Church or to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

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