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Bernice L. Milburn

Bernice L. Milburn, 83, Newton, died Wednesday evening, April 7, at Friendship Manor of complications following a stroke. Services were held Monday, April 12, at First United Methodist Church in Newton with the Rev. Todd Schlitter, associate pastor, officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery, Newton. Memorials may be made to the Friendship Manor Activity Fund or the American Heart Association.

The daughter of William Thomas and Gracie Jane Davis Johnson, she was born Aug. 20, 1909, at Malcom and graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1928. She was married Dec. 20, 1928, in Grinnell to Omar W. Milburn. She had lived in Grinnell and Kellogg prior to moving to Newton and was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Oak Ridge Grange and Homemakers Club No. 3.

She is survived by five sons, Donald and Gary Grinnell, Dale and Larry, Newton, and James, Whittier, Calif.; four daughters Wanda White, Ankeny, Beverly Deutsch, Monroe, Joan Sievers, Newell and Joyce Capps, Knoxville; 30 great grandchildren, and five sisters, Irma Laymiller and Naomia Schafer, Grinnell; Thelma Hadley, New Providence; Maxine Strawser, Anoka, Minn., and Betty Strawser, Nevada. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband and two brothers, Virgil Johnson and Clifford Johnson.