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Hazel Freeborn 6-20-2013



Elk River, Minn., to Herman and Edith McMeekin Lemke. She was raised on the family farm between Grinnell and Montezuma.

She was united in marriage with Russell Freeborn on Sept. 24, 1943, in Rockford, Ill. Russell served in the United States Army and Hazel remained in Rockford, where she worked in a factory that made bolts for the United States Army. She returned to Grinnell and worked in a factory that made tents and awnings for the Army. After Russell returned from active duty in the Philippines, she worked at the Grinnell Glove Factory. The couple adopted two children and Hazel stayed home to raise their children while Russell worked at Grinnell Implement. She later worked for DeLong's Sportswear as a seamstress for 20 years, retiring in 1986.

Her enjoyments included her family, tending to her flowers and garden, bird-watching, cooking, scrapbooking, listening to the Gaither's, and traveling.

She is survived by her children John Freeborn of Lynnville and Debra Arment of Montezuma; four grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and her brothers, Ralph Lemke of Grinnell, Marvin Lemke of Rolla, Mo., and Calvin Lemke of Winchester, Va.

Hazel was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; an infant son, Richard Lee Freeborn; her brothers Donald, Earl, Leonard, Walter and James Lemke; and her sister, Dorothy Haines.

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A celebration of life service was held Thursday, June 20, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Pastor John Epperson officiating. Interment was in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorials may be designated to the Hazel I. Freeborn Memorial Fund, sent in care of Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfh.com.

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Visitation will be held from 12 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home and her family will be present to greet friends from 5 until 7 p.m. Wednesday evening.

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