

## Bernice Rita Shanklin

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Bernice Rita Shanklin, 89, of Grinnell, and formerly of Lakeside, Calif., died Saturday, Aug. 3, 2013, at the Mayflower Community Health Care Center in Grinnell.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in California. Inurnment will be at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego, Calif.

Bernice was born the daughter of John and Ruth Heinisch Walker on Dec. 23, 1923, in Cleveland, Ohio. She graduated from Brooklyn High School in Ohio and studied art at

Baldwin Wallace College.

On Feb. 24, 1945, she married Robert Fuller. Bernice was a homemaker, and the couple lived in Cleveland and later moved to San Diego.

Bernice married Paul Shanklin on Oct. 15, 1963, and worked for several years as a homestay program coordinator. She placed foreign exchange students with families in the San Diego area, hosted students in her own home and led student tours of local attractions and historic sites. Bernice moved to Grinnell in 2006 to live closer to her family.

She was an expert gardener who enjoyed quilting, traveling and caring for her dogs. She was a member of the Alpine Community Church and the Women's Guild in Alpine, Calif. She was active in the Alpine Historical Society, the Victorian Ladies Society of San Diego, the Alpine Garden Club and the Alpine Women's Club, which she served as president from 1990-1992.

Bernice is survived by her son, Bruce Fuller of Troutdale, Ore.; daughters, Barbara Woolfolk of Kingsburg, Calif., and Paula Cunningham of Grinnell; three grandchildren; three great grandchildren; a brother John Walker of Brook Park, Ohio; and a sister Lois Hoffman of Strongsville, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents; both her husbands; one son, Robert Fuller; and her sister, June Konewecke.