

Mary Abbie Siders Allen

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A celebration of her life will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 11, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Rev. John Epperson officiating. Interment will be at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation is scheduled for Monday at the Smith Funeral Home from 1 to 8 p.m., with the family present to greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday evening.

Memorials may be designated to the Mary A. Allen Memorial Fund, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfh.com.

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On June 9, 1945 she married Willis Earl Allen. They lived in Booneville a short time before moving to Grinnell in 1945. She was employed at Grinnell College in the housekeeping department.

Mary was a member of the Grinnell Christian Church. Her enjoyments included crocheting, watching wrestling, baking and cooking, and spending time

with her family and friends.

She is survived by her five children, Thomas Ray Allen of Haverhill, Dennis Lee Allen of Terrebonne, Ore., Jon Michael Allen of Bloomington, Ind., Nancy Jo Freeborn of Anchorage, Alaska, and Sheila Dianne Strunk of Churubusco, Ind.; 15 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; a great great grandson, her step grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Earl G. Siders, Marion F. Siders, Archie W. Siders; her husband, Willis in 1999; and a grandson.

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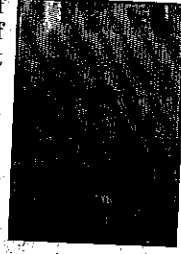
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