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Memorial contributions may be directed to the Eunice W. Kelm Memorial Fund.

Eunice was born May 7, 1928, in Sisseton, S.D., the daughter of William Irving and Martha Louise Ringsaker Solberg. After the early death of her father in 1930, she moved to Iowa and in the rural Forest Home area, near Montezuma. She attended rural school near her home and was a 1945 graduate of Montezuma High School, then worked at the Montezuma Municipal Light Plant as a bookkeeper and secretary.

On Feb. 6, 1949, she was united in marriage with Ellsworth Frank Kelm, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. The couple lived in Grinnell where she was employed at Iowa Southern Utilities for several years. In 1960, she began a career as an agent and secretary/treasurer with Modern Woodmen of America Life Insurance Company, retiring in 1990. During part of that period she also worked at the Poweshiek County Pennysaver in the distribution department. From 1989 to 1993, she was employed at Bates Flowers.

Eunice was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, the American Legion Auxiliary, Eagles Club Auxiliary, where she was a life-member, Farm Bureau and Grinnell Senior Center. She enjoyed her family and her home, reading, sewing, knitting, dancing, playing bingo and cards, and solving cross-word puzzles.

Survivors include two sons, Frank Kelm of Janesville, Wis., and Dick Kelm of Grinnell; her faithful companion, George Fowler of Grinnell; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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