

October 24, 2008

The Life of Iva Huffman

- The funeral for Iva Huffman, 79, Groton, will be 2 p.m., Saturday, October 25, at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. The Rev. Ken Skorseth will officiate. Burial will follow in Groton Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.
- Visitation will be held at the chapel from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and will continue for one hour prior to service on Saturday.
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- Preceding her in death were her parents and one sister, Donna Schaible.
- Honorary Casketbearers will be Alisha Wendt, Rachel Rusche and Michele Dean.
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