Eleanore Cambardella

Eleanore E. Cambardella, 72, 1628 Seventh Ave., Grinnell, died of a stroke Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2003, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A vigil service was held Thursday, Jan. 30, at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. William Reynolds, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, officiating. Burial was to take place Monday, Feb. 3, at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Bowie, Md. Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Parish Foundation.

She was born Feb. 13, 1930, in Old Forge, Pa., to William and Ethel Zilensky Mazaleski. She was raised in Old Forge, graduating from Old Forge High School. Following graduation, she worked as a medical assistant for her uncle Dr. Stanley (Doc) Mazaleski.

She was married to Joseph Cambardella May 24, 1952, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Old Forge. They lived in Old Forge, later in Perry Point, Md., and Erie, Pa. They moved to Bowie Md., in 1965. There, she was a school bus driver for the Prince George's County board of education, retiring in 1982. She moved to Grinnell in 1999.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bowie and did volunteer work at the House on the Hill food and clothing pantry. In Grinnell she has been a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, its Partners of Mary and the Lunch Bunch group.

She is survived by two daughters, Cynthia Cambardella of Ames and Mary Kamberger of Grinnell; two sons, Louis Cambardella of Westminster, Md., and William Cambardella of Sinking Spring, Pa.; nine grandchildren; one great grandson and one sister, Patricia DePalma of West Haven, Conn. She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents.