

Marian L. Long

Marian L. Long, 77, of Grinnell died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center of a heart ailment.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, Jan. 11, at 1 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church with the Rev. David Brandt, pastor, officiating. Organist will be Esther Huedepohl and vocalist will be Richard Huedepohl. Pallbearers will be Rod Cooling, Doug and Dwight Long, Jim and Kenneth Stevenson and Greg Thompson. Burial will be in Benson Cemetery near Whitten. Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home beginning at 9 a.m. Friday. Family members will be present at the funeral home from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday. Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

She was born Feb. 22, 1925, in Hardin County to Henry and Mary Geizler Thies. She was raised in Grant Center and attended rural school in that area. She graduated in 1943 from Geneva High School, then attended the University of Northern Iowa. She later received a nursing certificate from Deaconess Hospital in Marshalltown. Following her education she served for three years in the army cadet program, then worked for hospitals in Ames and Hampton.

In 1946 she was married to Thomas W. Long in Marshalltown. She owned and operated Long's Nursing Home in Hampton for seven years and then moved to Iowa Falls where she owned and operated Long's Nursing Home for 27 years. From 1975 to 1998 she was an administrator and registered nurse consultant for Heritage Care Center in Iowa. Following her retirement she moved to Grinnell.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grinnell.

She is survived by two sons, Thomas W. Long Jr., of Lexington, Ky., and Troy Long of Malcom; two grandsons and one brother John Thies of Iowa Falls. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and one sister Nina Kienast.

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