Mildred C. McNally


A funeral service will be held Saturday, April 3, 2004, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church with the Rev. William Reynolds, pastor of the church, officiating. Music will be provided by Marilyn Kriegel, organist, and St. Mary’s Choir. Casket bearers will be her grandsons, Steven, David, James and Richard Rusley, Michael, David and Jack Sharp, Edward Labieniec, and Patrick, Peter, Christopher and Ryan McNally. Interment will be in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Mary’s Parish Foundation. Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home beginning Friday at 9 a.m. and the family will be present from 6:30 to 8 p.m. A rosary will be recited at 6 p.m.

She was born Aug. 11, 1908, in West Louisville, Ky., to Paul and Mamie Powell Drury. The family moved to Poplar Bluff, Mo., where she was raised and educated. She graduated from Mount Saint Claire High School in Clinton, Iowa, later receiving a certificate in nursing from Mercy Hospital in Burlington. She worked as a nurse in Poplar Bluff and later at the former St. Francis Hospital in Grinnell.

On Oct. 16, 1934, she was married to Edward Andrew McNally in Poplar Bluff. She and her husband, in partnership with his brother James and his wife Vera, owned and operated McNally’s Food Store from 1946 to 1973. She was a member of Catholic Church, its Altar and Rosary Society and the Marian Study Club.

She is survived by two daughters, Miriam Rusley of Lakewood, Colo., and Mary Catherine Sharp of Savannah, Ga.; three sons, William of Grinnell, Paul of Iowa City and John of Kansas City, Mo.; 19 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; one sister Willomae Drury, one brother Paul Drury and one sister-in-law Beatrice Drury, all of Poplar Bluff; one sister-in-law Mary Paulsen of Ames and one son-in-law Paul Labieniec. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one daughter Anne Labieniec; one sister Miriam Drury, and three brothers, Charles, Edward and William Drury.