

Edna Anderson



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Edna Anderson, 83, of Grinnell, died on Monday, Oct. 12, 2009, at Hill Top Center in Lake Bluff, Ill.

No services will be held. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Edna was born Nov. 19, 1925, in Chicago to Louis and Lula Reirchers Young. She attended school there and later attended the Chicago Conservatory of Music. In the early 1950s, she moved to Ithaca, NY, and was secretary to the assistant deans in the College of Arts and Sciences at Cornell University. It was there that she met her future husband, James Anderson, whom she married in Amherst, Mass., in 1955.

Following her marriage, she became a full time homemaker and continued her voice studies at Smith College. Through the years, she performed as a soloist in church choirs, for weddings and other programs. She enjoyed sewing and needlepoint. In her retirement she found enjoyment in cooking and baking. She spent numerous hours in their garden and doing volunteer work.

After her husband's death in 1997, she decided to make her home in Grinnell. Edna continued to enjoy the arts through the programs at Grinnell College, and she was very active with the Mayflower Community and enjoyed the opportunities that they provided.

Edna was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. There are no immediate survivors.

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