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Mildred 'Shorty' Schmitz

Mildred "Shorty" Schmitz, 91, of Carroll, formerly of Grinnell, died of Alzheimer's Disease Thursday, May 20, 2010, at St. Anthony Nursing Home in Carroll.

A funeral mass will be held Tuesday, May 25, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell with the Rev. Nicholas Adam celebrating. Visitation will take place at the church from 10 a.m. until mass time. Interment will take place in Hazelwood Cemetery.

She was born Feb. 20, 1919, in Grinnell, the daughter of Louis and Catherine Deveraux Higdon. She grew up in Grinnell and on April 2, 1945, was united in marriage with Paul Schmitz at St. Mary's Church. She was a homemaker. In 1959 they moved to Rockwell City, Iowa. She was a member of St. Francis Parish and Altar Society in Rockwell City.

She is survived by her daughter and sons, Jane Stork, Dennis Schmitz, Sam Schmitz and Richard Schmitz; nine grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her son Dan; four brothers, James, Frank, John and Joseph Higdon; and three sisters, Sister Annette Higdon, Sister Louise Higdon and Elizabeth Goreham.

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