Mary Raffety

Mary Raffety, 66, of Fort Wayne, Ind., died Saturday, July 24, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, Aug. 11, at 10:30 a.m. at St. John’s Lutheran Church with the Rev. Kathryn Roys officiating. Interment will take place in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be designated to St. John’s Lutheran Church or to Grinnell Regional Hospice. Memories and condolences may be shared with her family at www.smithfh.com.

Mary A. Raffety, 66, of Fort Wayne, Ind., formerly of Grinnell, died Saturday, July 24, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A funeral service has been held in Fort Wayne. A memorial service will be held at a later date at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Grinnell with interment to follow in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. John’s Lutheran Church or Grinnell Hospice. Her memory page is on-line at www.klaehnfhmeltonfunerals.com.

She was born May 24, 1944, in Swea City, Iowa. She was a homemaker and member of Sunrise United Methodist Church. She was involved with the golf league at Walnut Creek and active in Friday night golf outings at Norwood Golf Course.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Francis E. “Joe” Raffety, of Fort Wayne; three daughters Anita Ford of Grinnell and Leslie Hembree and Mary Jo Hardina of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; two brothers, Harvey Hanson of Estherville, Iowa, and Harlan Hanson of Olando, Fla.; and her mother, Lillian Hanson of Graettinger, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her father, Howard Hanson, in 1992.