

## Jeanette Watson

Jeanette Watson, 81, of Grinnell, and the mother of Sally Smith, died Monday, March 28, 2011, at the Mayflower Health Care Center.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, April 8, at the United Methodist Church in Grinnell.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home beginning at 3 p.m., Thursday, April 7. The family will be present at the funeral home from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Memorials may be directed to the Drake Community Library in Grinnell, the Parkersburg Library, or to the United Methodist Churches in Grinnell or Parkersburg. GHR 3-31-11

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Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday, April 8, at the Grinnell United Methodist Church with the Rev. Len Eberhart officiating. Pallbearers will be Dan Manning, Lisa and Danielle Malek, and Bill, Jeff, Julie and Robbie Smith. A family burial will be held at the Oakdale Cemetery in Parkersburg.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 7, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the family present from 5 to 7 Thursday evening.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Kothe Memorial Library in Parkersburg; the Drake Library in Grinnell; or the United Methodist Church of Parkersburg or Grinnell.

Jeanette, the daughter of Margaret Caroline Clark and Dr. Hugh Gordon MacLeod, was born on Aug. 18, 1929. She grew up in Greene. Her parents had moved from Nova Scotia, Canada, so her father could start a medical practice in Greene. Many family vacations were spent visiting relatives in Canada.

On Aug. 23, 1951, Jeanette married Robert Watson of Parkersburg. The couple had met at the University of Iowa where she received her BA in elementary education and studied speech pathology with some of the early specialists who were developing the field. After starting her family, Jeanette returned to graduate school at the University of Northern Iowa and earned her master's degree in speech pathology. For many years, she was a speech clinician in area public schools.

A devoted wife and mother, Jeanette had a broad range of interests. She was active in the United Methodist Church of Parkersburg and was the church pipe organist for many years. She participated in numerous community and civic organizations, including the General Federation of Women's Clubs, P.E.O., the Parkersburg Library and the Girl Scouts of America. In recognition of her service to the community, she was named a "Person of the Year" in Parkersburg. She was an avid reader and loved to travel, both with her family and, in later years, around the world on Elder Hostel tours. She was active politically, supporting and campaigning for several Iowa politicians. She enjoyed outdoor activities, including golf, swimming, and gardening. Jeanette and Bob moved to the Mayflower Community in Grinnell in 2001.

Jeanette is survived by three daughters Janet Watson of Ellicott City, Md., Nancy Malek of Lake Worth, Fla., and Sally Smith of Grinnell; five grandchildren; and two sisters.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

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