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A funeral service was held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 26, at the United Church of Christ-Congregational in Grinnell with Rev. Paul A. Johnson, interim minister of the church, and Rev. Susan Sanning of Grinnell College, officiating. Music was provided by William Tinker, organist, Randye Jones, vocalist; and Rob and David Clower, bag pipes and Tom Clower, drummer. Casket bearers were her grandchildren, Hillary, Tony, Rusty, Rick, Alyson, Kelsey and Miranda Jones. Honorary bearers were her great grandchildren, Brent, Cole, Carson, Bella, Finn, Laney and Tessa Jones. Interment was at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell with the Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to Grinnell Regional Medical Center, Monmouth College or the Grinnell Area Arts Council.

Marion was born on Thursday, July 18, 1929, in Oak Park, Ill., to Merrill and Gertrude Friend Austin. She attended the University of Chicago Lab School and graduated from Wayland Academy in Beaver Dam, Wisc. She received a BA degree in theater and music from Monmouth College in Monmouth, Ill., and was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. On Aug. 12, 1950, she was united in marriage with F. Addison Jones in Chicago, Ill. The couple lived in various communities before moving to Grinnell in 1954. The family owns and operates the Grinnell-State-Bank and she was currently serving on the bank's board of directors. Besides being a homemaker, mother and grandmother, she devoted her free time to Grinnell Regional Medical Center's auxiliary, helping organize several social functions that benefited the hospital, and the Grinnell Community Theatre as an actress and director.

Marion was a long-time member of the United Church of Christ-Congregational and served in various roles in the women's fellowship of the church. She was past president of Grinnell Regional Medical Center's board of directors and had served as secretary to the board of directors of the Grinnell

GHR 11-28-2011 State Bank. She also was a member of the Priscilla Club, PEO and various bridge clubs.

Survivors include her husband, F. Addison Jones of Grinnell; three sons, Stephen F. Jones, David A. Jones and F. Austin Jones, all of Grinnell; seven grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and her step, father, Harlan Thompson.

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