

Barbara O'Roake-Hoyos

Barbara O'Roake-Hoyos, 79, of Grinnell and formerly of Newton, died Feb. 14, 2014, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Services are pending later this week at the Smith Funeral Home.

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Mass of the Resurrection has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 22, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell with the Rev. Ron Hodges officiating. Organist will be Marilyn Kriegel accompanied by the St. Mary's Choir. Pallbearers will be Mark and Peter Hoyos. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Newton.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Mayflower Human Needs Fund.

Barb was born December 18, 1934, in Newton, the daughter of Cecil and Margaret Mozell Morrison O'Roake. She was raised in Newton and was a 1953 graduate of Newton High School. Soon after graduating, she attended nursing school in Marshalltown, where she eventually met her husband, one of the doctors on campus.

In 1957, she was united in marriage with Dr. Pedro Gabriel Hoyos, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Newton. The couple lived in metropolitan Detroit, Michigan, for many years. She returned to Newton in 1987 and later moved to the Mayflower Community in Grinnell on November 1, 1999.

Barb enjoyed raising her 7 children during the prime of her life; she reminisced that it took all her energy to raise them and they kept her very busy. She limited her outside-the-home activities to that of being active in her church. She enjoyed traveling and had visited numerous cities in the Caribbean and Mexico and she also enjoyed visiting her children and grandchildren in their homes.

She was an avid reader and the wide variety of titles speaks to her wide interests: biographies, political science and mysteries, but she was particularly interested in the world of poetry and Irish literature. She was very proud of her Irish heritage! She was a passionate fan of the Newton Cardinals and St. Louis Cardinals and enjoyed watching sporting events on television.

Survivors include her children, Mark Hoyos of Voluntown, Connecticut; Sheila Hoyos of Streamwood, Illinois; Teresa (Tom) Maude of Canton, Michigan; Martha Hoyos of Crystal Lake, Illinois; Peter Hoyos of Grand Blanc, Michigan; Mary (Eric) Doster of Mason, Michigan; and Peggy Hoyos of Madisonville, Texas; one brother, Carl (Ann) O'Roake of Litchfield, Illinois; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father in 1974; her mother in 1964; and her husband in 1990.