

Betty Collum



Betty Collum, 91, of Grinnell, died on Wednesday, October 15, 2014, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 18, 2014, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with John Osborn, Deacon of St. Mary's Catholic Church, officiating. Burial will be at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorials may be directed to St. Mary's Catholic Church and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home.

Betty was born on July 24, 1923, at Lynnville, Iowa, to Vernon and Eva Mae Bowen Ratcliff. She was raised in Lyn-

nnville and graduated from Lynnville High School with the Class of 1941.

On December 31, 1941, she was married to Ambrose Collum in Grinnell and to this union was born three sons, Daniel, James and Steven. The family lived in Grinnell and she worked at the North Market and later for McNally's Food Store. She also worked at the former Gaumer Locker in Grinnell.

She enjoyed following college sporting events on television and cooking for her family.

Survivors include three sons, Daniel R. Collum of Indianapolis, Indiana, and James E. Collum and Steven P. Collum, both of Grinnell; four grandchildren; and several great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; three brothers, Walter, Gene and Roy Ratcliff; and two sisters, Rosemond Johnson and Marilyn Ratcliff.

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