

Elizabeth I. Hansen *GH-R*
2-16-2015

Elizabeth I. Hansen, 103, of Grinnell, died on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Mass of the Resurrection was held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, February 16, 2015, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell with the Rev. Ron Hodges, pastor of the church, officiating.

Music was provided by William Tinker, organist, and St. Mary's Choir.

Casket bearers were Jim Cunningham, Mark Godar, Mike Shutts, Gary Tapper, Jim White, Larry Wilson and Jim Wood.

Interment was at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Friends called at the Smith Funeral Home beginning 12 noon on Sunday with the family present at the funeral home from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Memorials may be directed to St. Mary's Catholic Church or to St. Francis Manor and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Elizabeth was born on December 10, 1911, in Hudson, Iowa, to Louis and Magdalene Heinzman.

She graduated from Sacred Heart High School in Waterloo.

On July 5, 1941, she was united in marriage to George Hansen in Racine, Wisconsin.

The couple lived in Racine and in 1949 they moved to Grinnell.

Upon their arrival in Grinnell, Elizabeth and George opened the Danish Maid Bakery on Fourth Avenue.

The couple baked and served the Grinnell community with many popular bakery items until their retirement in 1976.

Elizabeth was a faithful member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Altar and Rosary Society, the Soroptimist Club and was a volunteer at Birthright.

Survivors include her son, William (Suzi) Hansen of Grinnell; one granddaughter, Renee (Jay) Deitrich of Grinnell; two great grandchildren, Ava and Max Deitrich, both of Grinnell; and two sisters, Mary Wood of Waterloo, Iowa, and Fran Sorenson of Racine, Wisconsin.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; three brothers, Andy, Louie and John Heinzman; and one sister, Margaret Moorman.



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Memorials may be directed to the St. Mary's Foundation and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home *GH-R*

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