

Barbara Schmidt *GH-R*
1-26-2015



Barbara Schmidt, 75, of Grinnell, died Friday, Jan. 23, 2015, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center with her family by her side.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Jan. 26, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell with Fr. Ron Hodges presiding. Pallbearers were Justin Vaverka, Adam and Joe Schmidt, Darren VanWyk, Randy Simpson, Stan Boruff, and Bill Hoffman. Interment was at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorials may be designated to the Barbara A. Schmidt Memorial Fund, mailed in care of Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Condolences may be shared with her family online at www.smithfh.com.

Barbara Ann Simpson Schmidt was born the daughter of Alfred and Lena Marie Wortman Simpson on Dec. 17, 1939, in Grinnell. She was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School in 1958. Immediately following graduation, she worked as a secretary with DeKalb and then for Peterson & Schild law firm.

She was united in marriage with Joseph Dale Schmidt on March 14, 1959, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell, and they had three children. They lived in Grinnell all of their lives and Barb was a payroll clerk for the city of Grinnell for 27 years before her retirement in 2001. After her retirement she volunteered at Grinnell Regional Medical Center. She was a longtime member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Elks Lodge, and the Eagles Club in Grinnell.

Barb's family and faith were her life. She was a huge sports fan, especially of the Iowa Hawkeyes and Grinnell Tigers, and enjoyed attending her grandchildren's school and sporting events. She loved to travel – and particularly cherished a family vacation in Orlando, Fla. – and also enjoyed bowling, playing cards, and having coffee with her friends.

Barb is survived by her children, Annette Vaverka, Scott Schmidt, and David Schmidt, all of Grinnell; five grandchildren; and her brother, Tom Simpson of Grinnell.

Barb was preceded in death by her

parents; and her husband, Joseph D. Schmidt in 1989; and her brother, James Simpson.