

Ludgardis Scribner



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Ludgardis "Lu" Scribner, 86, of Newton, a former resident of both Des Moines and Grinnell, died Saturday, March 19, at USA Health Care in Newton.

A funeral mass for Ludgardis Scribner will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 22, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell, with burial to follow at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation will be held today (Monday) from noon to 9 p.m. at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell; the family will be present from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and a rosary service will be held at 6 p.m., also at the funeral home.

She was born on Nov. 14, 1918, in Harper, Iowa, the daughter of August A. Peiffer and Anna M. Striegel. She was raised on the family farm and was educated in rural Catholic and public schools. Following her education, she assisted and cared for other families in the Harper and Clear Creek areas before moving to Des Moines.

She married Verle "Scrib" Scribner on Nov. 23, 1946, in Indianola. The couple had three daughters and resided in Des Moines, where she worked as a waitress and homemaker. The couple moved to Grinnell in 1964, and she worked as a waitress at Wayne's Steakhouse for 10 years.

The couple enjoyed dancing and annual fishing trips to Minnesota in the summer and fall. She enjoyed gardening and cooking and found peace and tranquility sitting outside in the sun on her patio.

She is survived by her daughters, Patricia Kinnaird of Salina, Kan., and Rosemary Innis and Lou Ann Hill, both of Newton; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; her brothers and sisters, Agnes Jaeger of Quincy, Ill., Theresa Peiffer, Marian Emmack and Harold Peiffer, all of Des Moines, Lyola Kaska of Fairfield, Clarence Peiffer, Margie Bower and Dennis Peiffer, all of Sigourney and Phyllis Salm of Iowa City; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her brothers Arthur, Cornelius and Donald, and a great-granddaughter.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Willowbrook Adult Day Care, to Hospice of Jasper County or to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

Friends may send condolence messages to the Scribner family by submitting them via the Smith Funeral Home web site, www.smithfh.com.