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Janell Luebben



Janell Luebben, 89, of Grinnell died Nov. 28, 2016, at the Mayflower Community Health Care Center in Grinnell.

A graveside service and burial was held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell with the Rev. Kathryn Roys, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice, Mayflower Community, St. John's Lutheran Church in Grinnell, or to Grinnell College Anthropology Department, Emeritus Professors' Fund.

Janell was born June 22, 1927, in West Bend, Wis., to Harry and Ema Lied. On Aug. 30, 1947, she married Ralph Luebben. Janell was a secretary for many years, and also participated in numerous archeological and ethnographic field projects in the American Southwest and Mexico. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and choir.

There were no survivors other than the many students that Ralph and she mentored. She was preceded in death by her husband on Oct. 19, 2009; her parents; and her sister, Marne Starch.