Mary L. Curry, 84

Mary L. Curry, 84, of Grinnell and formerly of rural Deep River, died on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at St. Francis Manor.

A funeral service was held Saturday, January 21, 2017, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Rev. Stuart Rethwisch, pastor of St. John Lutheran Church of rural Victor, officiating. Casket Bearers were her grandchildren, Sarah Hay, Jonathan Ziegenmeyer, Stefanie Lattimer, Skyley Ahrens, Cassie Ahrens, Kenzie Miller, Ryan Ahrens, Whitney Kunee, Rebecca Ahrens, Katie Gardner, Ryder Curry, Malonia Cavenaugh, Spencer Curry and Jessie Curry. Interment will be at the Barnes City Cemetery.

Mary was born on August 11, 1932, in Grinnell, Iowa to William and Winifred Proctor Grandstaff. She was raised in Grinnell, attended Grinnell schools and graduated from Grinnell High School.

Mary was united in marriage to Raymond Ahrens in January of 1952, and to this union was born five children, Teresa, William, Kenneth, Russell and Laura. The family lived on a farm in Sheridan Township, and she was a mother, a homemaker and assisted with the farm operation.

On May 26, 1985, she was united in marriage to Les Curry at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grinnell. Mary and Les enjoyed living on their acreage near Deep River, where she enjoyed gardening and raising flowers. She enjoyed traveling and spending time with her husband in their travel trailer at his work sites. Mary also found time to do water colorings and china painting.

Mary was a member of St. John Lutheran Church and the American Legion Auxiliary in Deep River.

Survivors include her husband, Les Curry of Grinnell; her children, Teresa (Dan) Ziegenmeyer and Bill (Jen) Ahrens, both of Grinnell, Kenneth Ahrens of Houston, TX, Russell (Cathy) Ahrens of Scottsdale, AZ and Laura (Jerry) Hamlett of Eolia, MO; two step sons, Gary (Penny) Curry of Colorado Springs, CO and Scott (Colleen) Curry of Newton, IA; fourteen grandchildren; four step grandchildren; and three step great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Claudine Koger, Virginia Prusha and Shirley Harter; and two brothers, Gene and Ronald Grandstaff.