

Ruth Higdon, 96 ²⁻¹⁻²⁰¹⁷



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Health Care Center. Mass of the Resurrection was held Saturday, January 28, 2017, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell with Rev. Ron Hodges, pastor of the church, officiating. Music was provided by Marilyn Kriegel and St. Mary's Choir. Casket Bearers were her grandsons, Patrick McNally, Peter McNally, Brian Higdon, Jonathon Trebe, John Higdon and Chris Higdon. Gift Bearers were Finnegan McNally, Cameron McNally and Claire McNally. Interment will be in the Calvary section of Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Friends could call at

the Smith Funeral Home on Friday afternoon and the family was present at the funeral home Friday evening. A scripture service was held Friday evening at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to either St. Mary's Catholic Church or to the Mayflower Community.

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On September 28, 1939, she was married to James Thomas Higdon at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell. The couple operated a grain and livestock farm south of Grinnell. She was a mother of five children and a homemaker. Later, she worked for J.C. Penny and Company, the Grinnell State Bank

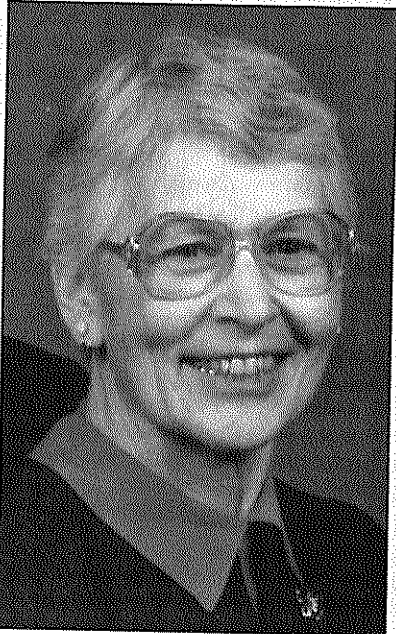
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Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home beginning at 12 noon on Friday and the family will be present at the funeral home from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday. A scripture service will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

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