Rosalie H. Hartzell, age 91, of Grinnell, died on Saturday, December 16, 2017, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center under the care of Grinnell Regional Hospice.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, December 22, at the Smith Funeral Home with Pastor Phil Culham, pastor of Prairie Lakes Church in Grinnell, officiating. Interment will be in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell. Visitation will be held in the Buckley Dining Room at the Mayflower Community, 619 Park Street in Grinnell. Funeral Home and her family will greet friends from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening.

Memorials may be designated to the Rosalie H. Hartzell Memorial Fund to benefit local organizations and may be mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared online with her family at www.smithfh.com.

Rosalie Harriett (Heitink) Hartzell was born the daughter of Gerrit and Mary (Brash) Heitink on the family farm northeast of Lynnville, Iowa, on May 5, 1926. She was raised on the family farm near Lynnville and educated at country schools. She graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1944.

Rosalie was united in marriage to Raymond R. Hartzell on August 20, 1944 at her parent's home near Lynnville. The couple made their home in Grinnell and were blessed with three daughters, Kay, Vicki and Kim. Rosalie was employed at several local areas business, which included: JC Penney, General Telephone Company, Cunningham Drug Store, Dr. Phipp's Chiropractic, Denison and Partridge Lumber Company, Wilcox and Garland Furniture, Wayside Florist, and at Grinnell Regional Medical Center's gift shop as a buyer for several years. She was a long-time member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Grinnell, Lydia Circle at St. John's Lutheran Church, Grinnell Regional Medical Center Auxiliary, and the Elks Lodge in Grinnell.

Rosalie's family was first and foremost. She loved when her grandchildren and great grandchildren would come and visit and enjoyed attending many of their activities. She made each of her grandchildren and great grandchildren their own stocking for Christmas, a tradition started by her mother. Rosalie and Raymond enjoyed traveling, playing cards and attending dances & functions at the Elks Lodge. After Raymond's death, Rosalie continued to travel with the Grinnell State Bank Heritage Club and she especially enjoyed the trip to Washington D.C. with her three daughters. Her enjoyments were baking cookies, shopping, sewing, playing cards (bridge) and visiting with friends and family.

Rosalie is survived by her daughters, Kay (LaVerne) Thompson of Ames, Vicki (Fred) Dillon of Grinnell, Iowa, and Kim (Tom) Clark of Newton, Iowa; six grandchildren, Craig (Patty) Thompson, Scott (Tricia) Thompson, Jason (Karen) Dillon; Troy (Jessica) Dillion, Jordyn (Matthew) Stee and Leahsa (Ryan) Tressay; three great grandchildren, Maya Thompson, Megan Thompson, Sam Thompson, Max Thompson, Sam Thompson, Jennifer (Phil) Culham, Ben Dillon, Wyatt Dillon, Kyle Dillon, Jacob Dillon, Clara Dillon, Hailey Tressay and Reilly Tressay; and great great grandchildren, Ali Callahan and Eli Dillon. Rosalie was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Hartzell; her parents, Gerrit and Mary Heitink; her brother, Gerald Heitink; sister-in-law, Jean Heitink; nephews, Doug Heitink and sister-in-law, Blanche Bryan.

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