

J. Irene Broders



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J. Irene Broders, 94, of Grinnell died Monday, March 6, 2006, at Brookhaven Nursing Home in Brooklyn.

A funeral service will be held Friday, March 10, at 10:30 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Grinnell with the Rev. Stephen Jasch, pastor of the church, officiating. Organist will be Margaret Amo. Casket bearers will be Alan, Dale and Mark Kasal, Greg Goth and John and Wes Wallis. Honorary bearers will be Dick Clark, Ron (Butch) DeBondt, Marlene and Gene Gritsch, Faye and Grover Loftin, Kelly King and Jack Templeton. Burial will take place in Hazelwood Cemetery. Friends may call Thursday from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church.

She was born Aug. 29, 1911, in Shelby County, Mo., to John and Virginia Smith Wallis. She was raised on the family farm and attended rural school. In 1927 she moved to rural Poweshiek County near Grinnell. She was married on Dec. 11, 1929, to Virgil M. Broders in Newton. The couple operated a grain and livestock farm in the Grinnell area.

She was a faithful member of St. John's Lutheran Church and its Mary Martha Circle. She enjoyed life on the farm as well as gardening, sewing, quilting and cheering for the Chicago Cubs.

She is survived by nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; four brothers, Archie, Monroe, Charlie and John Wallis and three sisters, Iva Churchill, Lizzie Allen and Opal Wallis.