

Eileen Larsen

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Eileen Larsen, 97, of Grinnell, died Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 5, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell with Fr. Ron Hodges presiding. Interment will be at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell. Following the committal service, a reception will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Visitation will begin at 2 p.m. Friday at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell and her family will greet friends from 5 until 7 p.m.

Memorials may be designated to the St. Francis Manor Foundation, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home,

PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with her family online at www.smithfh.com.

Eileen Frances Schmitz was born the daughter of John P. Schmitz and Mae V. Flanagan Schmitz on July 30, 1920, on the family farm near Grinnell. She attended country school near her home and graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1937.

Eileen began working at Merchants National Bank in Grinnell and later at the Grinnell Glove Factory. She married Robert "Bud" Larsen on Nov. 25, 1946, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell. The couple operated a grain and livestock farm in Chester Township until their retirement in January of 1988. Eileen and Bud moved to Grinnell to make their home during retirement. She was a long-time member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell and the Altar and Rosary Society.

Eileen's family and her faith were important to her. She visiting and attending social functions, and she was an excellent cook who looked forward to the holidays. She also loved the outdoors, including doing chores on the farm and tending to her garden.

Eileen is survived by her sons, Robert Larsen of Flower Mound, Texas, and Brent Larsen of Grinnell; two grandsons; three great grandchildren; and her sister, Betty Heishman of Grinnell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and siblings, Mary Donohoe and Don Donohoe.