Irene Colnum Greer

Irene Colnum Greer, 90, of Grinnell, died on June 20, 2019, at her home under hospice care.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 25th, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, with the Rev. John Epperson, Grinnell Regional Hospice Chaplain, officiating. Pallbearers will be David, Brad, Justin, Davey, Bruce and Trevor Colnum, and Edward Watt. Honorary bearers will be Colby Earnhart, Tim Colnum, Jr., Johnny Doyle, and James Watt. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation with the family present will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be designated to the Irene Greer Memorial Fund.

Irene was born on January 22, 1929, in Texas County, Missouri, the daughter of Clarence and Anna Lee Ashing Leighty. She lived in Mountain Grove, Missouri, and later moved with her family to Grinnell where she attended Grinnell High School.

On December 26, 1946, she was united in marriage with Bruce Colnum in Grinnell and the couple made their home in Grinnell. For many years she was a homemaker and later busy raising her six children. She later was employed as a sales clerk at Spurgeon's clothing store on Main Street downtown Grinnell. She retired in 1991 and then owned and operated The Body Shop exercise business for several years.

She was united in marriage with James "Jack" Greer on May 24, 1966, in Grinnell. The couple continued to make their home in Grinnell.

Irene was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Malcom and the Eagles Club Auxiliary in Grinnell. She attended St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell.

Irene loved her family dearly and enjoyed sharing her time with her grandchildren, she cared and was always there for her family. She enjoyed flower gardening, cooking, walking and watercolor. She loved to dance and going to the Val Air Ballroom in Des Moines was always fun for her.

Survivors include her husband, Jack of Grinnell; her children, Larry Colnum of Marshalltown, and Shawn (Kathy) Colnum, David (Angie) Colnum, Diane (Marty Johnson) Colnum, and Lynn Colnum Earnhart, all of Grinnell; a daughter-in-law, Kris Colnum of Grinnell; one sister, Georgia Roads of Grinnell; 19 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Tim Colnum; one daughter-in-law, Gale Colnum; one grandson, Michael Meter; her parents; her first husband, Bruce; two brothers, Marvin Davidson and Everett Leighty; and two sisters, Geneva See and Marie Green.