Hazel L. Brim

Hazel L. Brim, 88, of Grinnell died on Friday, April 28, 2006, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

A funeral service for Hazel Brim will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 2, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, with the Rev. Kirsten Klepher, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Grinnell, officiating. Pianist will be Kathleen McCune and vocalist will be Rich Thorson. Casket bearers will include Ed Adkins, Greg Bryan, Chris Halstead, Bob Hoisington, Ed Ingram, Sam Osborn and Scott Wallis. Interment will be at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Friends may call at the funeral home beginning at noon today (Monday); the family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m.

She was born on Sept. 20, 1917, in rural Poweshiek County to Charles and Mary Henry Bryan. She was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1937.

On March 30, 1941, she married Cecil Brim in Grinnell. The couple continued to reside here.

Before her marriage, she worked at the Iowa Theatre, formerly located at the corner of Main St. and Fifth Ave. After her marriage, she worked for Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Co. In the early 1950s, she and her husband purchased the Skelly Oil Station from "Slim" Flanagan and operated it as Brim's Skelly Oil Company until their retirement in 1975.

She was a faithful member of the First Presbyterian Church, where she served as deaconess and taught Sunday school. She was a charter member of Beta Sigma Phi.

She is survived by a daughter, Marilyn Wallis of Sherman, Texas; and three sisters, Ruth Mithelman and Clara Halstead, both of Grinnell, and Shelly Todd of Polson, Mont. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a daughter, Mary Kay Brim; two sisters, Bessie Wright and Margaret Osborn; and five brothers, Roy, Ray, Alvin, Robert and William “Abe” Bryan.

Memorials may be directed to St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.