Mary C. Johnson, 82

Mary C. Johnson, 82, of Grinnell, died Monday, Nov. 6, 2006 at the St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

She has been cremated and a memorial service was held on Friday, Nov. 10 at 11 a.m. at the Harden Funeral Home in New Sharon with Minister Mark Doland of the West Liberty Church of Christ officiating. Harden Funeral Home of New Sharon was in charge of the arrangements.

Mary Christina Finnegan Johnson, the daughter of Edward and Ida Shorey Finnegan, was born on Dec. 25, 1923 in South Attleboro, Mass. She was a 1942 graduate of Sweetwater High School in Chula Vista, Calif. On March 28, 1943, Mary was united in marriage to Keith Johnson in Lancaster, Mo. They moved to New Sharon in 1947 before settling in Des Moines where they lived for 25 years. They retired to Lake Ponderosa in 1987. Mary was a member of the West Liberty Church of Christ and had worked for many years as the lunch coordinator for the Des Moines school system.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Sharon K. Phippen; a son, Keith L. Johnson; and eight brothers and sisters.

Mary's memory is honored by her husband, Keith of Grinnell; her children and their spouses: daughter Sandi (Quentin) Johnson of Clive, and sons Michael (Janet) Johnson of Brandon, Fla., George (Andrea) Johnson of Norwalk, and Eric (Lisa) Johnson of Cedar Rapids; 13 grandchildren; and a son-in-law, Gary Phippen of Tulsa, Okla.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.
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She is survived by her husband, Keith of Grinnell; her daughter Sandi Johnson of Clive; her sons Michael Johnson of Brandon Fla.; George Johnson of Norwalk and Eric Johnson of Cedar Rapids; 13 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter Sharon K. Phippen; one son Keith L. Johnson and eight brothers and sisters.