Mabel Ziegenmeyer

Mabel Ziegenmeyer, 86, of Grinnell died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2006, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at the Carman Center of the Mayflower Home in Grinnell, with the Rev. Len Eberhart, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Casketbearers included Jim Ziegenmeyer, Sandi Riemenschneider, Carolyn Plue, Erin McDaniel, Justin Plue, Julie Swank, Daniel Ziegenmeyer, and Steven Ziegenmeyer. Interment was at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Born on Nov. 26, 1919, in Grinnell she was the daughter of Myron and Florence Johnson Plum. She was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1938.

She married Raymond Ziegenmeyer on Dec. 24, 1941, at her parents' home in Grinnell. She worked a short time at the Grinnell Shoe Company, then worked for the Iowa Telephone Company as a switchboard operator. In later years, she worked as a field assessor at the Memorial Building.

She was a member of the United Methodist Women in Grinnell and a lifetime member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She held memberships with the Birthday Club, Pythian Sisters and the Rebekah Lodge, where she was a member in long standing and served as treasurer for over 30 years. She enjoyed her time at Mayflower Home, visiting with friends and sharing her love of history.

She is survived by her children, James Ziegenmeyer of Marshfield, Md.; Sandi Riemenschneider of Marshalltown; and Carolyn Plue of Landover Hills, Md.; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Memorials may be directed to the Mabel M. Ziegenmeyer Memorial Fund and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. On-line condolences may be submitted to the family via the web site www.smithfh.com.