

Margaret 'Betty' Hannagan

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Service arrangements are pending at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

Memorials may be designated to Shriners Hospitals for Children or to Tiger Packs, a program that provides meals for local Grinnell K-12 students, and may be mailed in care of the Smith

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

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A celebration of her life will be held at 10:30 am on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Private family burial will be at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell. A reception will begin at 12:00 pm at the Eagles in Grinnell.

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Margaret Elizabeth Wilson was born on January 30, 1928, in Montezuma, Iowa, to Perry William Wilson and Wynema Mildred (Bunch) Wilson. She was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School in 1946.

Betty was united in marriage to Ernest Junior Jones on August 23, 1946. During their marriage they were blessed with seven children: Gittallie, Diana, Evelyn, Larry, Perry, Lucinda and Debra. They resided in Grinnell, Marshalltown and Newton during their marriage and divorced in 1972. Betty was later united in marriage with Edward Gene Hannagan, and they returned to Grinnell.

Betty's first career was as a teacher in a one-room school. After some time at home raising her children, Betty spent many years of her career in food service, beginning with employment as a cook in the Grinnell and Newton schools and then manager of Newton Hy-Vee Deli. During Betty's marriage to Gene, they operated the Model Lunch in Grinnell. After working nine years each at Miracle and JELD-WEN, Betty returned to food service at Hy-Vee grocery as deli staff and serving samples with smiles and conversation until she retired at age 90.

Betty dearly loved her family and cherished time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was a social butterfly, always on the go with somewhere to be and people to see. Her enjoyments were dancing, attending her grandchildren's activities, camping, and baking cakes and cookies to share with others. Two other joys of her life were playing bingo and reading. She was a longtime member of the American Legion, the Eagles, and the First Baptist Church in Grinnell. Faith was an important piece of Betty's life.

Betty is survived by her children, Gittallie Furrow of West Des Moines, Iowa and her children Michael Furrow and Stephanie Forniash; Diana (Tom) Zrudsky of Marion, Iowa, and their son Chad Zrudsky; Evelyn (Les) Beck of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and their children Jeneane Brewer and Ryan Beck; Larry Jones of Cedar Rapids and his children Kerry Jones and Elisabeth Jones; Perry (Loretta) Jones of Newton, Iowa, and Perry's children Aaron Jones and Carissa Wadding; Lucinda (Dennis) Bates of Grinnell and Lucinda's children Jonathan Osborn, Crystal (Osborn) Belcher and Amaris Bates; and Debra (Tim) Pefferman of Marshalltown, Iowa, and their children Tisha Conn, Anjie Bergmann and Nick Pefferman; and 31 great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. Betty was preceded in death by her husband Gene; her parents; and her brothers, George and Carmen Wilson.