Hazel L. Draegert

Hazel L. Draegert, 60, of Baxter died Saturday, April 28, 2007, at Skiff Medical Center in Newton. A funeral service was held Wednesday, May 2, at Ashton Chapel near Baxter with Sonny Walker, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Ashton Chapel Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Jasper County or to Ashton Chapel Cemetery in care of Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell IA 50112. Online condolences may be sent to the Draegert family at www.smithfh.com.

She was born Feb. 11, 1947, in Marshalltown to Russell and Floreene Swearingen Innis. She was raised near Marshalltown and attended school in Gilman, Green Mountain and Marshalltown, graduating from Marshalltown High School with the class of 1965. She was united in marriage with Leo Eugene Draegert on Jan. 7, 1967, at his brother Donald’s home in Marshalltown. After her husband’s active service in the United States Navy, the couple moved to Baxter in 1968 where they made their home for 39 years. She was employed at the Marshalltown Spring Factory, Vernon Company, Pronto Convenience Store, Marsh McLean Company and other employment.

The Draegerts celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary and renewed their vows in a ceremony in Ashton Chapel in 1997.

She was devoted to her family, especially cherishing time with her grandson Jarren. She enjoyed crocheting, car rides with no planned destination and solving crossword puzzles.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Leo Draegert of Baxter; her children Alan Draegert of Baxter and Julie Kriegel of Grinnell; her grandson Jarren Draegert of Grinnell; her brothers, William Innis of Grinnell Other Russell Innis of Marshalltown; Robert Innis of Barnes City; and Kenneth Innis of Havelock, N.C.; and her sisters, Dorretta Costello of Teaneck, N.J., and Mary Draegert and Ruth Kirby of Grinnell. She was preceded in death by her parents, Russell and Floreene Swearingen Innis and one son-in-law, Todd Kriegel.
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Hazel Draegert, 60, of Baxter, died on Saturday, April 28, 2007, in the Monarch Wing of Skiff Memorial Medical Center in Newton.

A funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2, at the Ashton Chapel near Mingo with burial in the Ashton Chapel Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning at 2 p.m. on Tuesday; the family will be present at the funeral home from 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to the Ashton Chapel Cemetery or to Hospice of Jasper County.