Carolyn Stuart

Carolyn Stuart, 81, of Grinnell died Friday, Sept. 14, 2007, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Funeral services for Carolyn Stuart are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, with the Rev. Len Eberhart, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, and the Rev. Del Dawes, retired, officiating. Pallbearers will include Joe Edelen, Mark and Steve Rutherford, Dale and Evan Stuart and Greg Turner. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Visitation will be at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, then again from 6:30 to 8 p.m. with the family present.

Born Dec. 17, 1925, in Grinnell, she was the daughter of Ralph and Isabel Martin Rutherford. She was raised in Grinnell and was a 1942 graduate of Grinnell High School.

On July 21, 1946, she married Carroll Stuart at her parents’ home. The couple lived in Grinnell, where she worked as a waitress at the Skel-Diner and then at The Grinnell Herald-Register. In 1971, she began work at Grinnell Reinsurance Company. She retired from there in 1988.

She was an active member of the Grinnell Lady Elks and Blue Point Friendship Club.

She is survived by her husband; two children, Doug Stuart of Plainfield, Iowa, and Ellen Lender of Grinnell; a brother, Robert Rutherford of Grinnell; a sister, Judy Turner, also of Grinnell; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and two children, Dan Stuart and Sandy Stuart.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Dollars for Scholars.