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Karen Choate



Karen Choate, 66, of Grinnell died on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008, at Mayflower Health Care Center.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008, at 10:30 a.m., at First Presbyterian Church in Grinnell. Interment will be at the Glendale Cemetery in Des Moines.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning 12 noon on Monday with family members present from 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

She was born Feb. 7, 1942, in Des Moines to Marvin and Clarice Nelson Henry. She was raised in Des Moines and graduated from Lincoln High School. She received a nursing degree from the Iowa Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing.

On Nov. 14, 1969, she was married to Robert Choate in Des Moines. The couple lived in Des Moines and Davenport before moving to Grinnell in 1973. While living in Grinnell she worked as a nurse at Friendship Manor, St. Francis Manor and the Mayflower Health Center. She also taught continuing education classes for nurses.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed playing bridge and needlework.

Survivors include her two daughters, Laura Choate of Fairview Heights, Ill., and Connie Choate of Deep River; one brother, Carl Henry of Des Moines; and two sisters, Marilyn Vicker and Virginia Mickelson, both of Des Moines. She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; one brother, Marvin Henry Jr.; and one sister, Carmen Brackett.