Regina C. Green

Regina C. Green, 61, of Grinnell died Monday, July 21, 2008, at St. Francis Manor.

A funeral mass was held Friday, July 25, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church with the Rev. Nick Adam officiating. Organist was Verabeth Bricker who also accompanied St. Mary’s Choir. Pallbearers were Paul Clark, Dave Ellert, Delbert Green, Rick Green, Jimmie Head and Dan Murphy. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memo-

ials may be directed to the Regina C. Green Memorial Fund.

She was born March 11, 1947, in Miami, Fla., the daughter of Jimmie and Kathleen Myer Head. She was raised in Miami and was a graduate of North Miami High School. She attended Florida Atlantic University where she earned the Bachelor of Science, Master of Education and Education Specialist degrees. She later worked on her Doctor of Philosophy degree in educational administration at the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

In 1966 she was married to Paul Clark Jr. in Florida; they divorced in 1978. In May 1984 she was united in marriage with Paul L. Green in Grinnell where they made their home.

For nearly 30 years she devoted her life to quality education and advocating for her students. She began her career as a public-school teacher at Lighthouse Point Academy, Lighthouse Point, Fla. In 1979 she moved to Iowa City where she was a self-contained special education teacher for a year at Central Junior High School, then at the University of Iowa in an adjunct capacity as a consultant and national grant writer for public law in education. She moved to Grinnell in 1982 where she taught in the multi-categorical resource room at Grinnell High School, later as coordinator of its Dropout Prevention Program. She also was a junior class sponsor for many years. She retired from teaching in 1999.

She was named the Outstanding Young Educator for the State of Florida in 1977. She was active with the Palm Beach County Council for Exceptional Children organization and represented the Florida State Education Association as a delegate. She served on the National Education Association advisory panel to President Reagan. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and the Grinnell-Newburg Education Association, serving as chief negotiator for many years and as its treasurer. She also was a published author in the field of learning disabilities and special education.

She enjoyed crafts of all kinds including wood carving, needlepoint and painting. Her painting of iris received first place recognition at the Iowa State Fair. In addition, she and Paul Green enjoyed creating other crafts for which they received Iowa State Fair recognition.

She is survived by her mother Kathleen of Ocala, Fla.; two children, Paul Clark III of Iowa City and Shelley Simpson of Boca Raton, Fla.; three stepchildren Rick Green of Columbia, Mo., Delbert Green of Springfield, Mo., and Denise Derks of Jefferson City, Mo.; one brother Jimmie Head Jr. of Ocala; ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father.
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A funeral mass will be held Friday, July 25, at 2 p.m. at St. Mary’s Catholic Church. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12:30 p.m. until service time Friday at St. Mary’s Catholic Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Regina Green Memorial Fund.