Kathryn Miner

Kathryn Miner, 79, of Grinnell, formerly of Mason City, died Saturday, May 24, 2008, at St. Francis Manor.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, May 27, at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. William Reynolds, pastor of St. Mary’s Catholic Church, officiating. Interment was in Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery in Mason City. Memorials may be directed to the St. Mary’s Parish Foundation. On-line condolences may be submitted to her family at www.smithfh.com.

She was born, the daughter of William and Carrie Balek Hughes, on April 25, 1929, in Mason City where she was raised, graduating from Holy Family High School. She worked for 33 years as a telephone operator at Northwestern Bell in Mason City. She moved to Grinnell in 2000 to be closer to her family, and has resided at St. Francis Manor since December 2007.

She was a long-time member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Mason City and a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Grinnell. She enjoyed needlepoint, knitting, cross stitch, reading and following the Iowa Hawkeyes.

She is survived by her son Ken Miner of Grinnell, three grandchildren; three great grandchildren, and her sister-in-law, Arlene Hughes of Clear Lake. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother Richard Hughes and her great granddaughter, Makayla Hutchcraft.