

## Rites set for Opal Beason

Opal Beason, 67, of 705 Elm St., Grinnell, died of cancer Tuesday, Sept. 2 at her home.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Harry Linnenbrink officiating. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the St. Mary's Church elevator fund and left at the Smith Funeral Home.

The daughter of Ora Jene and Nettie Williamson Norris, she was born on March 25, 1919, at Montezuma. She graduated from Grinnell High School in 1936.

On Aug. 2, 1940, she was married to Earnest R. Beason at Bethany, Mo. Mrs. Beason had worked as a beautician, Bates Flowers, All Star Ford and Wes Finch Chevrolet-Oldsmobile, retiring in 1984.

She was a member of St. Mary's, the church's Altar and Rosary Society, and the VFW Auxiliary. She had taught youth groups at St. Mary's for 26 years.

Survivors include a sister, Dorothy Hughes of Grinnell. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and two brothers, Robert (Jack) Norris and, in infancy, Gerald Eugene Norris.

## Opal Beason services held

The Mass of the Resurrection for Opal Beason, 67, of Grinnell, who died Tuesday, Sept. 2, was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Celebrant was the Rev. Harry Linnenbrink. Organist was Kathleen Heffner, and vocalists were Ruth Ann Dayton and Wilma Schmitz.

Pallbearers were Owen C. Hays, Donald Mehlert, Ben

Mitchell, Allan Moyer, Francis Smith and John Winchell. Honorary bearers were Floyd Daley, Bill Gilbreath, Dwight George, Charles McPherson, Carl Orr and Tom Stanford.

The Vigil Services were conducted 6:15 and 8 p.m. Thursday at the Smith Funeral Home.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.