

Oda Callison



Oda Andersen Callison, 69, of West Des Moines, formerly of Grinnell, died of cancer Thursday, Jan. 4, at Kavanaugh House in Des Moines.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Grinnell, with the Rev. Stephen Jasch, pastor of the church, and Dennis Haas officiating. Pianist was Peggy ~~Kellogg~~ and vocalist was Milton Severe. Casket bearers were Laura, Greg, David and Nick Callison; Angela, Trevor and Kelsey Jensen; and Joseph and Jeremy Lilly.

Cremation followed the service. Burial will be at a later date.

She was born March 27, 1931, in Kellogg to Emanuel and Christine Nielsen Andersen. She attended Kellogg schools and graduated from Monroe High School in 1940.

On Dec. 26, 1951, she was married to Wayne Callison in Bad Axe, Mich. They lived in England while Mr. Callison served in the military, and they moved to Monroe in 1955. They moved to Grinnell in 1956, and Mrs. Callison worked for Grinnell College for 31 years. She was assistant dean of students and director of student housing. She retired in 1997.

She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of West Des Moines and worked as a volunteer with Lutheran Social Services, the Iowa Peace Institute and Victims of Domestic Abuse.

Surviving are two sons, Larry of Lexington, Ky., and Doug of Okaloosa; three daughters, Shirley Jensen of Grinnell, Kristy Lilly of Johnston and Corrie Callison of Columbia, Mo.; nine grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and one sister, Nellie Ries of Newton.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Svend, Harry and Henry Andersen.

Memorials may be directed to Lutheran Social Services or Hospice of Central Iowa and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box. 368, Grinnell 50112

H-R January 8, 2001