

Darlene Schmitz

Darlene M. Gunderson Schmitz, 67, of Grinnell died Tuesday, May 4, at the home of her son, Kent Gunderson.

The Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with burial in Pleasant Township Cemetery near Ewart.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home beginning at 9 a.m. Friday. The family will be present at the funeral home from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Scripture Service is set for 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to St. Mary's Parish Foundation or to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

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The Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with the Rev. William Reynolds officiating. Music was provided by organist Kyle Szary and St. Mary's Parish Choir.

Casket bearers were Ben Baltisberger, Todd Coufal, Ron Graham, Doug Phillips, Neal Van Roekel and Jarl Walters. Honorary bearers were Jerry Benson, Duane Chizek, Norman Chizek, Floyd Lacina, Carl Orr, Don Powers and Paul Van Roekel.

Burial was in Pleasant Township Cemetery near Ewart, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. A Scripture Service was conducted Friday.

She was the daughter of Peter Paul and Marie Zmolek Chizek and was born June 7, 1931, near Clutter. She was raised in Tama County and was a 1949 graduate of Toledo High School.

She was married to Richard M. Gunderson June 25, 1952, in Clutter. They lived near Dunbar, and she worked for Fisher Controls in Marshalltown. The couple moved to Ewart in 1964, and she worked in the Poweshiek County Treasurer's Office, for Brownell's in Montezuma, for the ASCS Office in Malcom and as a bookkeeper for Gunderson Trucking Co. She was also a long-time representative for Avon.

1. Richard Gunderson
2. Leo Schmitz

She was married to Leo Schmitz Nov. 14, 1992, in Grinnell.

Surviving are her husband; three sons, Kevin Gunderson of Lisbon, Kent Gunderson of Grinnell and Kirk Gunderson of Montezuma; three stepdaughters, Marilyn Ralls of Ankeny and Mary Graham and Marcia Walters, both of Grinnell; five grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; two brothers, Norman Chizek of Traer and Duane Chizek of Elberon; three sisters, Marilyn Chizek of Traer, Joyce Powers of Montour and Jolene Benson of Garwin; and her mother.

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Mrs. Schmitz was buried at Pleasant Township Cemetery near Ewart.

Mrs. Schmitz was born June 7, 1931 in Tama County near Clutier to Peter Paul and Marie Zmolek Chizek. She was raised in Tama County and graduated with the Class of 1949 from Toledo High School.

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