

Elizabeth Mertens

Elizabeth A. "Betty" Mertens, 59, of 1711 Sunset St., Grinnell, died of an asthma attack Friday, July 21, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Harry Linenbrink, pastor of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Iowa City, officiating. Music was provided by St. Mary's Choir and organist Pat Shaw. Pallbearers were Clem Bodensteiner, Jack Dick, Harold Hanson, Dr. Henry Menke, Dr. Joseph Pekarna and Chuck Ryan. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The daughter of Anthony and Eva Dick Clemens, she was born Aug. 14, 1935, in Minneapolis, Minn. She was raised in Minneapolis and graduated from St. Margaret's Catholic High School.

She was married to David Mertens Sept. 24, 1960, in Minneapolis. They lived in Prior Lake, Minn., moving to Grinnell in 1973. While living in Grinnell, Mrs. Mertens worked for the Schild Law Office and later was a tax preparer for H&R Block.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Altar and Rosary Society of the church, the Grinnell Regional Medical Center Auxiliary and Beta Sigma Phi.

Surviving are her husband; one daughter, Shelly Stevens of Denver, Iowa; two sons, Mike of Grinnell and Tom of Minneapolis; six grandchildren; and one sister, Mary Dorsett of Minneapolis.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial contributions in Mrs. Mertens' name may be made to St. Mary's Parish Foundation or to the National Center for Respiratory Medicine.

H-R July 24, 1995

David