Isabella L. Mahlstedt

Funeral services are to be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Grinnell for Mrs. Isabella L. Mahlstedt, 80, of Grinnell who died Sunday, Oct. 25, 1998, of a heart ailment at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

The Rev. Stephan Jasch, pastor of the church, will officiate, and organist will be Mrs. Margaret Amo. Casket bearers will be her grandchildren, Brian McDonough, Terry McDaniel, Scott McDonough, David McDaniel, Kyle McDonough, Jeff McDaniel, and Brad McDonough. Honorary bearers will be Earl and Irene Rohrsen, Claire and Bernice Mithelman, Vera Warnke, Ken Weiting, and Arlo “Bud” Worth. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, and the family will be present from 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesday.

Isabella was born on April 7, 1918, in Black Hawk County to Ernest Henry and Marie Westendorf Rohrsen. The family moved to Chippewa Falls, Wis., and she graduated from high school there. She also received a nursing degree in Eau Claire, Wis. Following her education, she worked as a registered nurse in Eau Claire.

On June 14, 1941, she was married to Leon “Swede” Mahlstedt at Chippewa Falls, The couple lived in Albertville, Wis., and Sumner. In 1949, they moved to Grinnell and she worked as a registered nurse at the former St. Francis Hospital and at the Grinnell College Health Care Center. From 1958 to 1980, they owned and operated Swede's Laundry in Grinnell.

She was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church of Grinnell.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents. Survivors include three daughters, Susan McDonough of Grinnell, Sarah Burke of Brooklyn, and Charlotte Seegers of Stone City; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to St. John’s Lutheran Church in Grinnell.