

# Miss McGurk Rites Friday <sup>12</sup>/<sub>7</sub>

Miss Blanche McGurk, 78, of 1527 Broad St., died late Tuesday evening at Grinnell General Hospital following illness of the past few years. The daughter of Michael and Catherine Toomey McGurk, Miss McGurk was born July 18, 1893 at Parnell, Iowa. She attended the schools in Parnell and later graduated from the school of nursing at the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

Miss McGurk became the Assistant Education Director of the Nursing school in 1927 and served in that capacity until 1947. Miss McGurk continued her nursing education career at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City and in Marshalltown before she retired and came to Grinnell to make her home. Throughout her nursing career she was active in professional nursing organizations and had held offices in their national organizations. She was a past national treasurer of Sigma Theta Tau, national nursing honor society.

Miss McGurk was honored along with five other U of I nurses and directors of nursing at dedication ceremonies of the new College of Nursing building last Saturday (Dec. 4). Hers is one of six portraits of these nursing educators hanging in the lounge of the new building.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church in Grinnell.

Survivors include a niece and two nephews—Mrs. John (Kathryn) Rocheford of Minneapolis and Robert E. and David H. Hamilton, both of Grinnell; three grandnieces, and eight grandnephews. Miss McGurk was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Mrs. M. B. (Maude) Hamilton, who passed away in 1948.

Requiem Mass for Blanche McGurk will be said at 10 a.m. Friday (Dec. 10) at St. Mary's Catholic church with the Rev. Leo V. Kuebrien, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church, officiating.

Organist will be Mrs. Willard Hettner.

Pallbearers will be John Rocheford, Mark Rocheford, Stephen Rocheford, John Hamilton, William G. Hansen, David H. Hamilton Jr., Robert S. Hamilton, and Richard Vogel.

The Rosary will be recited 8:00 this evening (Thursday) at the Smith Funeral Home.

Interment will be made in the Calvary section of Hazelwood Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home.