

Opal A. Swatosh, 76

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A funeral was Friday, Sept. 20, at Smith Funeral Home, Grinnell, with the Rev. David Rogula of Grace United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the Brooklyn Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Opal Ann Swatosh Memorial Fund.

Mrs. Swatosh was born Dec. 3, 1925, in Madison Township, the daughter of Daniel and Nellie (Smith) McConnell. She was raised in the Brooklyn area and was a graduate of Brooklyn High School.

On July 2, 1945, she married Dale Swatosh in Grinnell, and the couple lived in Victor, Sheridan Township and later Madison Township. She moved to Grinnell in 1974.

She was employed by the Grinnell Shoe Factory and several restaurants in the Grinnell area prior to becoming a cook at the Longhorn Restaurant in 1971. She retired in 1997. She was a member of the Heritage Club in Grinnell.

Survivors include four daughters, Emily Kephart of Brooklyn, Joyce Swatosh of Grinnell, and Claire Swatosh and Cindy Powell, both of Joplin, Mo.; a son, Duane Swatosh of Jasper, Mo.; a brother, Daniel McConnell of Brooklyn; a sister, Alice Miller of Toledo; 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Bill Swatosh; a daughter, Judith Swatosh; a sister, Mildred Reimers; a granddaughter, Jessica Swatosh; and a great-granddaughter, Samantha Masters.

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An Opal Ann Swatosh Memorial Fund has been established.

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