

Elno Van Pelt-Beran

Elno Van Pelt-Beran, 82, of Grinnell, died Monday, May 17, 2004, at her home.

A memorial mass was held Wednesday, May 19, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Rev. William Reynolds officiating. Organist was Marilyn Kriegel. Scripture readers were Rick Jacoby and Pam Niederhauser. Gift bearers were Bridget Jacoby and Jeanne Roethler. Honorary bearers were Tamera Babcock, Tina Balmer, Jeff and Matt Barnes, Teresa Brown, Traci Fraden, Jennifer O'Halloran and Kimberly Roth. Burial was in the cemetery at Beaver, Iowa. Memorials may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

She was born Feb. 16, 1922, in Beaver, the daughter of Burton A. and Sarah Rinker Van Pelt. She was raised and educated in Ogden and Boone. She was married on Aug. 4, 1940, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua to Emil Beran and they made their home in Waterloo where she was employed at Waterloo West High School. She received the bachelor of arts degree in social work from the University of Northern Iowa. She later moved to Des Moines and was employed at Wesley Acres as a social worker and then as office manager at a radio reading service for the blind. She retired in 1995 and moved to Searsboro prior to moving to Grinnell in 1997.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, National Association of Christian Social Workers, St. Mary's Partners of Mary, St. Mary's Singles Support Group, Business and Professional Christian Women's Group and a hospice volunteer.

She is survived by three daughters, Penny Adams of Montezuma, Pam Niederhauser of Columbia, Mo., and Pat Barnes of Davenport; one son, Tom Beran of Palm Springs, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; three great grandchildren and two sisters, Eynelle Erickson of Boone and Aletha Harten of Ogden. She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and five sisters.

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