Elno Van Pelt-Beran


A memorial mass was held Wednesday, May 19, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Rev. William Reynolds officiating. Organist was Marilyn Krieger. Scripture readers were Rick Jacoby and Pam Niederhauser. Gift bearers were Bridget Jacoby and Jeanne Roethler. Honorary bearers were Tamara Babcock, Tina Balmer, Jeff and Matt Bames, Teresa Brown, Traci Fuego, 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 an employment service blind. She retired in 1993 and moved to Searsboro prior to moving to Grinnell in 1997.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Diocese 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 Banes of Davenport; one son, Tom Beran of Palm Springs, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; three great grandchildren and two sisters, Eunice Erickson of Boone and Aletha Hartman of Ogden. She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and five sisters.

May 20, 2004