

## Verna M. Manatt



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A mass of the resurrection will be held Thursday, Feb. 18, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Rev. Nick Adam and Rev. Mr. William Olson officiating. Music will be provided by Janet Pilcher. Casket bearers will be her grandsons, Gabe and Nicholas Hier; Drew, Joe, Beau and Hunter Manatt; and Maxwell Nemer and Hans Sleichter. A luncheon reception will be held at Grinnell Country Club following the funeral service. A private family entombment will be held Thursday afternoon at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home Wednesday beginning at 12 noon; family members will be present beginning at 2 p.m. with a prayer service at 5:45 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to St. Mary's Parish Foundation or to Loras College Scholarship Fund and sent in care of Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112.

She was born Jan. 3, 1927, in Dyersville to Henry and Margaret Mary Kalb George. She was raised in Dyersville where she attended parochial school, then received a degree in nursing from Mercy Hospital in Dubuque and served as a nurse in Iowa, Arizona and California.

She was united in marriage with Merlin Manatt on Oct. 31, 1949, in St. Xavier Basilica in Dyersville. They resided in Victor and Brooklyn before moving to Grinnell in 1968. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and past president of its Altar and Rosary Society. She also was a member of P.E.O., T.T.T. Priscilla Club and the Red Hat Club.

In 1968, Gov. Harold Hughes awarded her a Life Saving Award.

She is survived by her husband Merlin Manatt of Grinnell; her sons and daughters Bradford James Manatt of Newton, Michelle Marie Manatt of Minneapolis, Minn., Margaret Mary (Molly) Hier of Castle Rock, Colo., Julie Ann Manatt of Eden Prairie, Minn., Jeffrey George Manatt of Kirkland, Wash., and Anthony John (Tony) Manatt of DeWitt; 13 grandchildren; one great grandson; and one sister Kathleen Tobin of Minneapolis. She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister Gladys Tauke and two brothers, Robert and Eldon George.

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*PCCR February 17, 2010*