

Mary Helen Rainey



Mary Helen Rainey, 82, of Branson, Mo., formerly of Grinnell, died Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Cottey College in Nevada, Mo.

She was born Aug. 10, 1926, in Grinnell, the daughter of Grant Ramsey and Mary Proctor Ramsey. She moved with her mother and sister to San Diego, Calif., in 1936. She attended San Diego High School and San Diego State College. In 1948, she was united in marriage with William Rainey, a San Diego native. A business transfer moved the couple to the Costa Mesa/Newport Beach area where they resided for a number of years. They later moved to Los Angeles before returning to San Diego County where they owned an avocado/citrus grove in Vista, and later a residence in Escondido. Her husband died in 1989.

In 2002 she moved to Branson, Mo., to be close to her two daughters. She was member of Chapters PB and VD of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and a volunteer at the California Center for the Arts.

She is survived by her daughters Martha R. Schmidt and Melinda R. Schroeder.