

## Betty A. Decatur



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Betty A. Decatur, 85, of Grinnell died Sunday, Dec. 19, 2010, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

A celebration of life service will be held Friday, Jan. 28, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Susan Sanning, chaplain of Grinnell Regional Hospice, officiating. Interment will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Visitation will be held prior to her service from 9 to 11 a.m.

A reception will be held following the service at Westside Family Diner.

Memorials may be designated to Grinnell Regional Hospice, 106 Fourth Ave., Grinnell. Memories and condolences may be shared with her family at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

She was born on June 24, 1925, in Marshalltown, the daughter of Margaret Ann Sorenson and G. Dewey Estes, was raised in Marshalltown and Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1942. She enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II, on Sept. 4, 1944, serving as a platoon leader and shopkeeper.

She was united in marriage with Paul S. Decatur on June 8, 1948. They resided in Grinnell where she was a bookkeeper for her father at Harry's Sport Shop and Ritter Maytag and Appliance.

She was a member of the Friends of Stewart Library and an active volunteer at Grinnell Regional Medical Center for over 38 years.

She is survived by her son Steven Decatur of Duluth, Minn., three grandchildren; and her brother, Jack Ritter of Youngsville, N.C. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Paul Decatur on Aug. 10, 2001.