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A memorial mass will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 29, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

There will be no visitation. 4-28-1/ Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

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Mass of the Resurrection was held Friday, April 29, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell with the Rev. Nick Adam officiating. Organist was Marilyn Kriegel accompanied by the St. Mary's Choir. Honorary bearers were her 10 grandchildren and 21 greatgrandchildren. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

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Kathryn was born Oct. 11, 1932, in Napoleon, N.D., the daughter of George and Barbara Wiegel Ivanov. She was raised and received her education in Napoleon. At the age of 16 she moved to Aberdeen, S.D., and began waitressing at the Cozy Café. There she met Kenneth Joseph Thompson, whom she married on Feb. 19, 1952, in Norfolk, Va., where he was stationed in the United States Navv.

The couple returned to Aberdeen and then for the next 20 years they lived in several communities in the upper Midwest where she raised her family while he was in the grocery business. In 1972, they moved to Grinnell where they owned and operated the Kwik Shop on the corner of Sixth Ave. and West St. They retired in 1995. For many years they wintered in Las Vegas.

Kathryn was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, active in Altar and Rosary Society and dedicated to attending daily mass. She enjoyed sharing her time with her family, playing games with her children and grand-children, going to the casino with her husband, and solving seek-a-word puzzles.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth of Grinnell; five children, Karen Schmidt of Hampton, Timothy Thompson of Johnston, Patricia Gosselink of Grinnell, Barbara McCulley of Grinnell, and Mary Thompson of Del Mar, Calif.; one sister, Lorraine Reis of Napoleon, N.D.; 10 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Ambrose, Benny and Joseph Ivanov; and two sisters, Helen and Angelina.