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A rosary will be said 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Smith Funeral Home with the family present from 6 to 8 Thursday evening.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice, Mayflower Community, or St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Foundation.

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Mary was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Altar and Rosary Society and Lady Elks. She enjoyed spending time with her family, reading, playing cards, and putting puzzles together.

Survivors include three daughters, Katherine Johnston of Baxter, Suzanne Wilkins of Grinnell, and Margaret Sieck of Grinnell; three sisters, Margaret Olson of Grinnell, Pat Conn of Grinnell and Betty Davis of Des Moines; eight grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

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