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Mary Lou Franks 2015



Mary Lou Franks, 91, of Council Bluffs and a native of Grinnell, died Jan. 4, 2015, at CHI Mercy Hospital.

A wake service Thursday, Jan. 8, at 6 p.m. will be followed by visitation with the family until 8 p.m. at Cutler-O'Neill-Meyer-Woodring Bayliss Park Chapel. Mass of Christian burial will be held Friday, Jan. 9, at 11 a.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church with the Fr. Chuck Kottas, pastor, as celebrant. Interment will be at St. Joseph Cemetery with a lunch following at St. Peter's Kottas Social Hall. Memorials are suggested to St. Albert Schools or St. Peter's Catholic Church.

Mary Lou was born March 25, 1923, in Grinnell, the daughter of F.W. and Louise Santo Sprung. She graduated from Grinnell High School in 1941 and earned her teaching certificate from Mount St. Clare College in 1943. Mary Lou married Joseph Franks on Feb. 7, 1959, and they had two sons. Mary Lou was a fifth-grade teacher for many years, teaching in Tama, Glenwood and Council Bluffs community schools.

She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, where she was a lector and usher; St. Ann's Altar & Rosary Society; and Pi Beta Phi Sorority.

Mary Lou is survived by her husband of 55 years, Joseph Franks, and sons Chris and Peter, all of Council Bluffs, as well as other relations.

She was preceded in death by parents, and her brothers, John Sprung in 1959 and Robert Sprung in 1997.