

H-R MAY 26, 2005

M. Jean Schmitz



M. Jean Schmitz, 82, of Grinnell, died Wednesday, May 25, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Mass of the Resurrection will be held Saturday, May 28, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell with the Rev. William Reynolds officiating. Music will be provided by St. Mary's Choir and Marilyn Kriegel, organist. Burial will be at Hazelwood Cemetery.

A scripture service will be held Friday, May 27, at the Smith Funeral Home at 6:30 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to Association of Macular Diseases, Inc., 210 East 64th St., New York, New York 10021.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home beginning at 12 noon on Friday with family present from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The daughter of William and Mae Wilson Moore, Jean was born July 10, 1922, in Morgantown, W. Va. She was reared in Morgantown and graduated from Morgantown High School with the Class of 1943. She received a BA degree from West Virginia University in 1943, and she worked as a librarian for the West Virginia Geological Survey for five years. In 1949, she received a Master's degree from Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn. Following her graduation in 1949, she moved to Grinnell and worked as a reference librarian at Grinnell College.

On August 25, 1951, she was married to Bernard Schmitz in Grinnell. The couple made their home in Grinnell and she worked for many years at Kramer's Jewelry Store and later for Hammen's Jewelry Store.

She was actively involved in St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Grinnell Camp Fire Girl's Assn., the Altar and Rosary Society of her church. She also volunteered at Grinnell Regional Medical Center and the Second Mile.

Survivors include her two sons, Mark Schmitz of Somerset, N.J., and David Schmitz of Grinnell; two daughters, Carol Ireland of Des Moines and Leann Schmitz of Denver, Colo.; and one brother, Steven Moore of Jacksonville, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.