

Maridean C. Tharp ⁶⁴⁻² 7-27-2015

Maridean C. Tharp, 79, of Grinnell, died on Saturday, July 25, 2015, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Mass of the Resurrection will be held 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 29, 2015, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell with the Rev. Ron Hodges, pastor of the church, officiating.

Music will be provided by Marilyn Kriegel, organist, and St. Mary's Choir.

Casket bearers will be Alan Cook, Ed Fenner, Cory Geerts, Jim Hotchkin, Jimmy Hotchkin, Randy Hotchkin and Jim Stevenson.

Honorary Bearers will be Cassie Geerts, Jenna Tanner, Emily Fenner, Case Fenner, Hope Roland, Faith Roland, Kaiden Breckenridge, Kamryn Hillier and Collin Mochal.

Interment will be at the Westfield Cemetery near Grinnell.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning at 12 noon on Tuesday and the family will be present at the funeral home from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Should friends desire, memorials may be directed to St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Eagles Auxiliary or to Grinnell Regional Medical Center and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Maridean was born on June 27, 1936, in Grinnell, Iowa, to Gerald and Martha Eames Hotchkin.

She was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School with the Class of 1954.

On June 24, 1957, she was united in marriage to Larry Tharp at the First Baptist Church in Grinnell.

The couple made their home in Grinnell.

She was a homemaker and mother of five daughters. Maridean worked at Cunningham's Drug Store, Grinnell General Hospital, and Bates Flower Shop before retiring in 1999 from Golden Sun.

She was a faithful member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Rebekah Lodge, the Eagles Club and the Red Hat Ladies Club.

She enjoyed volunteering her time at Second Mile and Grinnell Regional Hospice.

Survivors include her five daughters, Janice Tharp of Grinnell, Susan Vos of Gilman, Diana (Ed) Fenner of Grinnell, Patty (Alan) Cook of Grinnell and Deborah (Jim Stevenson) Tharp of Grinnell; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren; one brother, Jim "Whitey" (Linda) Hotchkin of Grinnell; one sister, Marty Meredith of Grinnell; two sisters-in-law, Marie Hotchkin of Grinnell and Joyce Estal of Oskaloosa; two brother-in-laws, Lester (Kay) Tharp of Grinnell and Roger (Myrtle) Tharp of Big Sandy, Texas; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; one brother, Tom Hotchkin; and one brother-in-law, Lyle Meredith.

