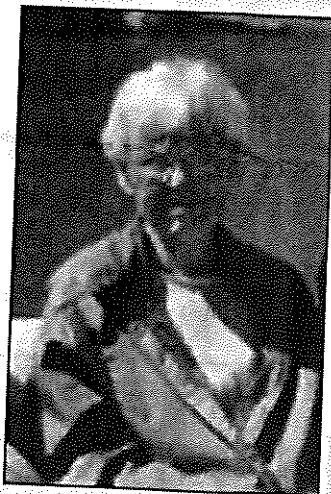


## Kathryn Ann (Guinan) 'Katy' Popenhagen



Kathryn Ann (Guinan) "Katy" Popenhagen, 80, of Grinnell, passed away on Friday, October 16, 2015, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

A funeral mass has been scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Monday, October 26th at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell with the Rev. Ron Hodges of St. Mary's and the Rev. Phil Ryan, retired, of Brooklyn officiating. Organist will be Marilyn Kriegel accompanied by the St. Mary's Choir. Soloist will be Lex Alig. Burial will be held at a later date at the Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Cedar Rapids.

Visitation will be held from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Sunday at the Smith

Funeral Home in Grinnell with the family present from 4:00 to 6:00 Sunday afternoon.

A vigil service and rosary will be said at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Francis Manor or the Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn, Iowa.

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While teaching in Calamus, Katy met her husband, Duane Popenhagen, who was teaching Industrial Arts and Social Studies. They were married on February 23, 1957, in DeWitt, Iowa. They resided in Cedar Rapids from 1957 to 1991. They raised five children in Cedar Rapids and attended All Saints Catholic Church. After retirement, they moved to Holiday Lake in Brooklyn from 1991 to 2009 and then to Seeland Park Retirement Community in Grinnell.

Katy loved to read. She was a gifted at sewing, cross stitch, and quilting and had a flair for decorating. She was a member and President of St. Cecilia's Circle and Martha's of All Saints. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. Those who knew her enjoyed her "sharp wit."

Katy is survived by her husband, Duane, of 58 years and their children: Jim (Vivian) of Odessa, Texas, Mike (Jameelea) of Moore, Oklahoma, Bob (Carolina) of Orlando, Florida, Mark of Louisville, Colorado, and Lisa (David) Witkop of Bellevue, Nebraska; grandchildren, Bill (Amanda) Robles, Chris and Phillip Popenhagen, Dale (Kathryn) VanVlerah, Daniel (Christine) Popenhagen, Tara (Skyler Dawson) and Megan (Eric Bantz) Popenhagen, Elliot, Isabel and Gideon Popenhagen; Jeremiah, Jacob, Moriah and Nathaniel Witkop; great-grandchildren, Karleigh and Brady Robles, Ashlynn Popenhagen, Charlie VanVlerah, Jaxson and Jayson Dawson, and Ariya and Elias Bantz; a sister Ursula (Bill) Motsinger of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin; and numerous other beloved nieces/nephews and relatives.

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