

## Avis Marie Cogley Kelm, 90 10-25-2017



Avis Marie Cogley Kelm, age 90, of Grinnell died on Saturday, October 14, 2017, at Grinnell

Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, October 21, 2017, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Grinnell with Pastor Muriel Johannessen officiating. A reception followed the service in the fellowship hall of St. John's Lutheran Church. Interment will be at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery north of Grinnell.

Memorials may be directed to the St. John's Lutheran Church in Grinnell or The Brownell Emergency and Trauma Center at Grinnell Regional Medical Center,

and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112. Condolences may be shared with her family online at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

Avis was born on December 12, 1926 on the family farm in Grinnell, Iowa to John and Clara Cogley. She graduated in 1944 from Grinnell High School and then attended Drake University. She taught in the rural schools and the Malcom school district.

On August 4, 1946, Avis was united in marriage to LaVerne Charles Kelm. Avis and LaVerne had 4 daughters and were married 52 years before LaVerne passed in 1998.

LaVerne and Avis were owners of LC Kelm Plumbing in Grinnell for over 40 years. Avis was a

member of St. John's Lutheran Church and was active in the Lydia Circle. She belonged to the Historical and Literary Club for many years. In addition, she was very active in her Malcom Worthwhile Club. Avis loved gardening, reading and traveling. She enjoyed playing cards, attending plays and musical events.

Preceding her death was her husband, her parents, her brothers Jim Cogley and Clarence Cogley, her sisters, Eleanor Mason, Barbara Danskin, Bernice Mithelman, and Betty Bryan. Her granddaughter, Terri Lynn Cline also preceded her in death.

Survivors include her daughters, Lynn (Terry) Cline of Grinnell, IA; Paula Devereux of Grinnell, IA; Sally Kelm of Tama,

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