Marylou Thompson



Marylou Thompson, 77, of Grinnell died Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 13, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, with Susan Leathem, chaplain of Grinnell Regional Hospice, officiating. Pallbearers included Don, Jim, Chuck, Dave, Dennis and Scott Thompson. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

She was born Oct. 9, 1928, in Brooklyn, Iowa, the daughter of Lowell and Elizabeth Patten Conger. During her childhood, she lived in Missouri and Colorado and later returned to Brooklyn, graduating from Brooklyn High School with the class of 1946.

On Feb. 26, 1948, she married Robert Thompson in Grinnell. The couple made their home in Grinnell and she was employed in the toll and accounting department at GTE, from which position she retired in 1983.

The couple moved to Lake Ponderosa, where they made their home for 22 years, and returned to Grinnell in 2003.

She was a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Grinnell Volunteer Fire Department and the Eagles Lodge Auxiliary. She was devoted to her family and taught her sons to be self-sufficient. She was good with numbers and meticulous with birth dates. She loved flowers and enjoyed watching game shows on television, sewing and cooking. She also enjoyed hosting her family at Christmas.

She is survived by her husband; five sons, Don and Chuck Thompson of Lake Ponderosa, Jim Thompson of Marshalltown and Dave and Dennis Thompson of Grinnell; a sister, Alice Hutchinson of Davenport; seven grand-children; four step-grandchildren; eight great-grand-children; and five step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson; and two brothers, in infancy.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice.