

Mary F. Rasmussen ^{GH-R} 4-26-2018



Mary F. Rasmussen, age 87, of Marshall, Missouri, died on Sunday, April 15, 2018, at Fitzgibbon Hospital in Marshall.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the United Church of Christ - Congregational in Grinnell with Pastor Ethan Drutchas officiating. Visitation will be held prior to her service beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Memorials can be given to the Mayflower Human Needs Endowment Fund or to Grinnell UCC-Congregational Church, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memorials

and condolences may be shared with Mary's family online at www.smithfh.com.

Mary Frances Parker was born on July 14, 1930, in Manilla, Philippine Islands. Her childhood was spent in Missouri and South Dakota. She graduated from Park College in Parkville, Missouri, in 1952. Over the years, she had taught home economics, art, and elementary grades.

In 1954, Mary was united in marriage to Russell D. Rasmussen. Russ completed his theological studies in Dallas, Texas, SMU, and the served churches in Harlan, Indiana; Arrow Rock, Missouri; Iowa churches in Hiawatha, Olds, Gilman, and Winthrop, Iowa; and Du-bois, Indiana.

Mary was a member of the Grinnell United Church of Christ-Congregational. She was active in the churches Russ served, participating in the choir, Sunday school teaching, and women's fellowship. She was a member of the Historical and Literary Society of Grinnell. Lifetime interests of hers have been gardening, sewing, music, teaching children, and family.

Mary is survived by her four children, Kay Wettlaufer (Bruce) of Marshall, Missouri, Mark Rasmussen (Elaine) of Missouri, David Rasmussen of Newton, Iowa, and Paul Rasmussen (Becky) of Grinnell; four grandchildren, Adam Wettlaufer (Bethany) of Marshall, Missouri, Holly Wettlaufer of Columbia, Missouri, and Trent and Cooper Rasmussen of Oakland Acres, Iowa; two step-grandchildren, Heather Wettlaufer (fiancé, Cory) of Casper, Wyoming, and Gabe Wettlaufer (Barbara) of Mountain View, California; two great grandchildren, Isaiah and Ivan Wettlaufer of Marshall, Missouri; two sisters, Bonnie Janos of Los Angeles, California and Jessie Strauss of Seattle, Washington; and a brother, Don Parker, of Ventura, California. Mary was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Russell; and a sister.