Mary K. Lewis



Mary K. Lewis, 82, of Grinnell died Monday, Oct. 15, 2007, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Oct. 20, at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church with Deacon Diane Eberhart and the Rev. Len Eberhart officiating. Organist will be Kathleen Heffner. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorials may be made to Grinnell Regional Medical Center Auxiliary or Grinnell United Methodist Church.

She was born Sept. 18, 1925, in Des Moines, the daughter of William Clark and Mildred Bonita Dean Cunningham. She was raised in Des Moines and was a 1943 graduate of Des Moines East High School and then the American Institute of Business (AIB). Following her education, she was employed as secretary to M.D. Lewis, Iowa Conservation Commissioner and her future father-in-law. She was married on Sept. 12, 1947, to M. Donald Lewis in Des Moines. They moved to Grinnell in 1948 where they owned and operated Cunningham Plumbing and Heating for many years. She retired in 1990.

She was an active member of the United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women. She also was a member of the Grinnell American Legion Auxiliary, Grinnell Lady Elks and Grinnell Regional Medical Center Auxiliary, serving as a buyer for its gift shop. In addition, she was a member of T.T.T., Sunset Club and the Soroptimist Club of which she was a past president. She also was an avid bridge player, and member of several card clubs.

She is survived by one daughter, Kathy Thomof Cambridge; one brother John Cunningham of Aiken, S. C., and two grandsons, Jacob and Michael Thom, both of Ames. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Don; one daughter Deborah L. Taylor, and one sister Joann Neilson