Margaret F. Wise



Margaret F. Wise, 89, of Grinnell died Monday, Sept. 3, 2007, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

A funeral mass will be held Friday, Sept. 7, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Rev. William Reynolds officiating. Organist will be Marilyn Kriegel accompanied by St. Mary's Choir. Pallbearers will be Mark Bjorndal, Chuck Brooke, Jack Byers, Pat Fitzgerald and Austin and David Jones. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Smith Funeral Home with family members present from 5 to 7 p.m. A scripture service will be held at 7 p.m. followed by a Rosary. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

The daughter of Martin Augustine and Ellen Barbara Moore Healy, she was born April 17, 1918, in Mitchell, S. D. She was raised in that area and was a 1936 graduate of Mitchell High School. Following her education she was employed at the Phinney Company in Loomis, S.D. In 1941 she moved to Seattle, Wash., where she was employed with the Westinghouse Corporation during World War II. She returned to Mitchell in 1946 where she was employed at Rozum Motor Company. On Aug. 28, 1950, she was married to Oliver "Kent" Wise in Mitchell. The couple farmed in the Mitchell area, then moved to Grinnell in 1960. She was employed at Grinnell State Bank for 26 years, retiring in 1986.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, its Altar and Rosary

Society, and a volunteer with Grinnell Hospital Auxiliary.

She is survived by two daughters, Helen Jewsbury of Erie, Colo., and Cathy Wise or Grinnell; two sisters, Mary Schulte of Grinnell and Barbara Reiser of Frisco, Texas; one brother, Joseph Healy of Franklin, Ind.; one granddaughter Josefina Vidaurri of Erie, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Kent in 1996.