Hazel Shaw May 4, 2009

Hazel Irene Reinecke Shaw, 95, of Grinnell, died Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at Mayflower Health Care Center.

A private family interment will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Mayflower Community Employee Education Fund, 616 Broad Street, Grinnell, IA 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with her family at www.smithfh.com.

She was born July 19, 1913, in Chicago, Ill., to Robert and Wilhelmina Feddern Reinecke. She attended Funston School and graduated with honor from Carl Schurz High School. She was a 36-year support-staff employee in the accounting and rate departments of Commonwealth Edison Company in Chicago.

She was married on March 6, 1971, to James H. Shaw, a long-time associate at the Edison Company. They lived in Downers Grove, Ill., where she continued to live until 2003 when she moved to the Mayflower Community in Grinnell.

She was an avid reader of mystery novels and a word puzzler, an active member of the Order of Eastern Star, Chapter LQ, P.E.O., and the First United Methodist Church of Downers Grove. She participated in several travel clubs and realized her childhood dream of world travel throughout her later years.

She is survived by her nephew, Warren R. Reinecke of Grinnell; a niece, Joan Reinecke Lauterbach of Thomaston, Maine; a step-daughter, Rachel Shaw Williams of Santa Fe, N. M., and a step-son, Michael Shaw of Momence, Ill.; five step-grandchildren; and one step-great granddaughter. She was preceded in death by her husband and a brother, Elmer R. Reinecke.