

Margaret E. DeVilder *Be March 17, 1999*

Funeral services were Tuesday morning, March 16, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell for Margaret E. DeVilder, 80, who died March 11, 1999, at the Mayflower Home in Grinnell. The Rev. John Epperson of the Grinnell Christian Church officiated.

Jolene Jones was the organist, and soloist Jody Roudabush sang "On Eagles' Wings." "Amazing Grace" was sung by the congregations, and Charly Landuyt was accordionist.

Pallbearers were her grandchildren, Adam DeVilder, Matthew Zimmerman, Daniel DeVilder, Rachel DeVilder, Anna Maria DeVilder, Elizabeth DeVilder, Lynell O'Connor, Gina O'Connor, Nathan O'Connor, Chris Roudabush, Todd Roudabush, Shawn Lurkens, Dallas George, Travis George, Ben DeVilder and Zach DeVilder. Interment was in the Catholic Cemetery, Brooklyn.

The daughter of Rene M. and Mary Malfait Lavent, Margaret was born May 14, 1918, near Brooklyn. She was raised in the Brooklyn area and attended Scott #2 Township School.

She was married to Freddie Albert DeVilder on April 15, 1940, in Brooklyn. The couple farmed in the Brooklyn area prior to moving to Moline, Ill., during World War II, and then returned to Brooklyn. She later made her home in Marshalltown and Grinnell and had been a resident of the Mayflower Home since November of 1993.

She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brooklyn and while living in Grinnell she joined the United Methodist Church. She was a homemaker and during the 1960s she was proprietor of Margaret's Fashions in Brooklyn.

Margaret held a great love for her family and was very faithful, supportive and understanding. She enjoyed life, being in the outdoors and tending to her vegetable and flower gardens. She loved baking and homemaking, held a passion for music and dancing, and was a sports enthusiast. She was "spicy and full of life," with a wonderful sense of humor.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two brothers, Marcel and George Lavent; and one son, Ronald, in infancy.

She is survived by eight children, Jerry DeVilder of Rochester, Minn., David DeVilder of Brooklyn, Mary O'Connor of Cedar Rapids, Carolyn Roudabush of Grinnell, Cynthia Lurkens of Oakdale, Conn., Christine George of Cedar Rapids, Samuel DeVilder of Eldora and Jeffrey DeVilder of Ft. Myers, Fla.; one sister, Madeleine Herbrandt of Brooklyn; one brother, Valere Lavent of Brooklyn; 16 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Grinnell United Methodist Church and/or the Mayflower Home.

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Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with burial in Catholic Cemetery, Brooklyn.

Friends may call at the funeral home beginning Monday, and the family will be present at the funeral home from 7 to 9 p.m.

Mrs. DeVilder is survived by four sons, Jerry of Rochester, Minn., David of Brooklyn, Sam of Eldora and Jeff of Fort Myers, Fla.; four daughters, Mary O'Connor of Cedar Rapids, Cindy Lurkens of Oakdale, Conn., Chris George of Cedar Rapids and Carolyn Roudabush of Grinnell; 16 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one brother, Valere Lavent of Brooklyn; and one sister, Madeline Herbrandt of Brooklyn.

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