

H-R July 9, 1984  
**Hit by car,  
woman,  
82, dies**

A Grinnell woman died Saturday afternoon of injuries she sustained when struck by a car in the 600 block of Sixth Ave. *July 7*

Police said Dolora Decatur, 82, of 1117 West St. was on her way to a supermarket when she stepped into the path of a car driven by Melissa Reams shortly before 8 p.m. Friday. After initial treatment at Grinnell General Hospital, she was flown by Air Care helicopter to University Hospitals in Iowa City where she later died.

No charges were filed in connection with the accident.

Funeral services for Mrs. Decatur will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with burial in Hazelwood Cemetery.

**Obituary**

The daughter of John H. and Mary M. Hodoval Schwab, she was born Sept. 1, 1901, in Willow Grove Township, Jasper County. In 1904, she moved with her family to a farm north of Grinnell. She graduated from Grinnell High School in 1923 and later attended Grinnell College.

She was married to James Harlan Cratty on May 17, 1924, and the couple lived in Grinnell. Mr. Cratty, a restaurant and service station operator, died in 1967.

She was married to Lawrence Decatur on Aug. 23, 1971, in Grinnell, and the couple lived just west of the city limits. Mr. Decatur died in 1977.

Mrs. Decatur was a member of Beulah Chapter No. 47 of the Order of Eastern Star and the American Legion Auxiliary. She had worked as a librarian at Stewart Library and for Iowa Southern Utilities Co. here.

Survivors include her step-daughters, Mildred Jacobs of

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Rialto, Calif., Doris Garrigan of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Marilyn Monsma of Manitou Springs, Colo., six step-grandchildren and several step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands; three brothers, Joseph L., Charles and Lyle Schwab; two half-brothers, George and Martin Schwab; and one half-sister, Mae Davenport.

H-R July 12, 1984  
**Delora Decatur  
services held**

Funeral services for Dolora Decatur, 82, of 1117 West St., who died Saturday afternoon of injuries she sustained when struck by a car the previous day, were conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home. *July 7*

Ray Standerwick, pastor of the Westfield Community Church, and the Rev. Raymond Lott, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiated. Organist was Carol Johnson, and pallbearers were Carlyle Phipps, Donald Stoker, Marvin Stoker, Russell Stoker, Raymond Tesser and Bernard Young.

Fraternal rites were conducted by members of Beulah Chapter No. 47, Order of Eastern Star. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Memorials in Mrs. Decatur's name may be made to the Eastern Star Home at Boone, the Grinnell United Methodist Church and the Westfield Community Church.

The daughter of John Henry and Mary Magdeline Hodoval Schwab, she was born Sept. 1, 1901, in Jasper County. Her family moved to the Grinnell area, and she graduated from Grinnell High School in 1921. She attended Grinnell College, and for several years she worked at Stewart Library. In 1935, she joined Iowa Southern Utilities Co. and worked as a home service demonstrator and in the office, retiring in 1944.

Mrs. Decatur was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and had served as Adah in the Iowa Grand Lodge. She was a charter member of the American Legion Auxiliary and also held memberships in the R and R Club, the Searchlight Club, the Westfield Ladies Aid, and the United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her brother, John Schwab of Ojibwa, Wis., and three step-daughters. She was preceded in death by her husbands, James H. Cratty in 1967 and Lawrence Decatur in 1977; her parents; three brothers, Charles, Lyle and Joseph Schwab; two half-brothers and one half-sister.