

Mrs. Kenneth

JoAnn Lauritzen

JoAnn Lauritzen, 68, of 2028 Orchard Dr., Grinnell, died of cancer Thursday, June 22, at her home.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Tim Stewart, pastor of the Grinnell First Baptist Church, officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner, and vocalist was Milton Severe. Casket bearers were Greg, Heidi, Eric and Nick Lauritzen and Lisa and Mike Hunter. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

The daughter of Whitlow O. and Lela M. Jones Prather, she was born Sept. 30, 1931, in Anna, Ill. She received her education in Dwight, Ill., graduating from Dwight High School in 1949.

She was married to Kenneth C. Lauritzen Oct. 6, 1951, at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill. They lived in Reddick, Ill., before moving to Grinnell in 1966. Mrs. Lauritzen was a secretary at Grinnell College until her retirement in 1988.

Surviving are two sons, Greg of Nevada and Eric of Waipahu, Hawaii; two daughters, Lisa Hunter of Grinnell and Heidi Lauritzen of Iowa City; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents.

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While living in Grinnell, Mrs. Lauritzen was employed for 20 years as a faculty secretary at Grinnell College until her retirement in 1988. She moved to Seeland Park in 1999.

Survivors include four children, Greg of Nevada, Heidi Lauritzen of Iowa City, Lisa Hunter of Grinnell and Eric of Waipahu, Hawaii; her mother, Lela Prather of Grinnell; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father and her husband.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice.