

Lela Mae Rasmussen



Lela Mae Rasmussen, 70, of Grinnell died Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004, at Monarch Hospice in Newton.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Oct. 27, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Grinnell with the Rev. Stephen Jasch, pastor of the church, officiating. Organist was Margaret Amo and soloists were Roger Henderson and Cory Sornson. Pall bearers were Erika McKenna, Aaron and Zane Rasmussen and Briana, Casie and Oliver VandeStouwe. Honorary bearers were Ed Adkins, Jim Bailey, Frank Fowler and Art Wells. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Lela Mae Rasmussen Memorial Fund.

She was born March 6, 1934, in Elk Horn, the daughter of Harvey and Carrie Nielsen Mathisen. She was baptized and confirmed in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church and was a 1952 graduate of Elk Horn-Kimballton Community High School. She was married on Sept. 2, 1955, to Kent Rasmussen at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. They made their home in several communities before moving to Grinnell in 1972 where she was employed at the Brenton Bank. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, active in her church circle and a former Sunday school teacher.

She is survived by her husband Kent of Grinnell; one son Greg Rasmussen of Cedar Rapids; two daughters, Lori VandeStouwe of Grinnell and Lana Rasmussen of Grinnell; her mother Carrie Mathisen of Elk Horn; six grandchildren; three sisters, Shirley Lange of Knoxville, Tenn., Eileen Sornson of Exira and Vicki Leistad of Atlantic. She was preceded in death by her father and one grandson.

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