

Eleanor R. McKeag

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Services are pending at the Smith Funeral Home. *GHR 8-1-11*

Eleanor Olson McKeag



GHR 8-4-2011

Eleanor Olson McKeag, 96, of Grinnell died Aug. 1, 2011, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. John Epperson officiating. Pallbearers will be Rick Jameson, Matt and Tom Martineau, Billy and Chris Olson, and Bob and John Sampson. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation with the family present will be held from 12:30 p.m. until the time of the service Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the St. Francis Manor Foundation.

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marriage with Raymond J. Olson in Davenport. The couple farmed near Grinnell until Raymond's death in 1972. Eleanor then lived in Grinnell before moving to Palo Alto, Calif., for several years. She returned to Grinnell and worked in food service at Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company. On Aug. 15, 1983, she married Charles McKeag, in Lincoln, Neb. While living there, she was employed at the University of Nebraska. He died in 2001 and she returned to Grinnell to make her home. She had been a resident at St. Francis Manor since 2007.

Eleanor was a member of the Rebekah Lodge, past president of Pythian Sisters, and past secretary of Royal Neighbors. She was a member of the Methodist faith and a former Sunday school teacher. She enjoyed cooking and baking, flowers, family, and was an avid fan of the Iowa State Cyclones and San Francisco Giants.

Survivors include five children, Gary Olson and Chuck Olson of Grinnell, Judy Helms of Overland Park, Kan., Helen Jo Martineau of Kewanee, Ill., and Benny Olson of Wagner, S.D.; 2 step-children; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands; three brothers, Roger, Andrew and Shirley; and a sister, Helen Elliott.

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