

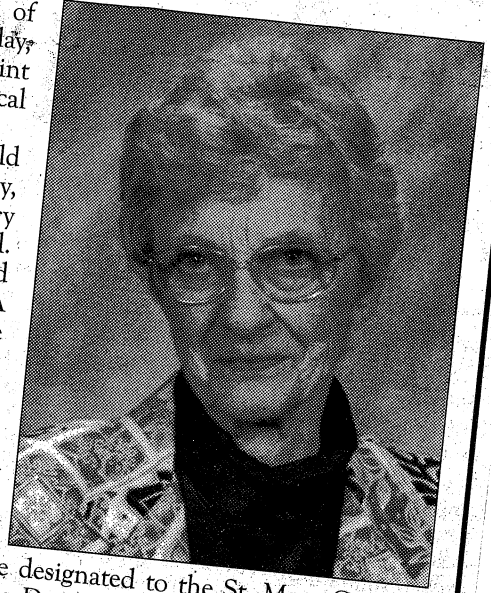
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5-27+30-2024 Pat Schmidt

Pat Schmidt, 89, of Grinnell, died on Friday, May 24, 2024, at UnityPoint Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, May 30, 2024, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Grinnell. Interment was at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell. A luncheon followed in the Parish Center at St. Mary Catholic Church.

The family received friends at the visitation held from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Memorials may be designated to the St. Mary Catholic Church or to the Grinnell Fire Department, and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home and Crematory, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with Pat's family online at www.smithfh.com.



Patsy Jo Ann Dempsey was born on August 2, 1934, in Long Prairie, Minnesota, to Ralph and Mildred (Berggren) Dempsey. She was raised in Long Prairie and Waseca, Minnesota, and graduated from Waseca High School.

Pat was united in marriage to Gerald Schmidt on June 25, 1955, in Waseca. The couple was blessed with four children: Scott, Wendy, Lori, and Stacie. They moved to Grinnell, Iowa, in October of 1961 and they operated P&J Saw and Splice together from 1984 to 1997. They were longtime members of St. Mary Catholic Church, where Pat served on the Altar and Rosary Society and was a member of the Knights of Columbus Auxiliary.

Pat's faith and her family were always foremost. She volunteered countless hours at St. Mary Catholic Church. Her enjoyments were sewing, gardening, watching professional golf on TV, attending card parties, and most recently, watching Caitlin Clark play basketball.

Pat is survived by her children, Scott (Laurie) Schmidt of Grinnell, Lori Schmidt of Grinnell, and Stacie (Jennifer) Hirakawa of Winterset, Iowa; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Mildred (Berggren) Dempsey; two sisters in infancy; husband, Gerald Schmidt in 2005; and a daughter, Wendy Schmidt in 1983.