Dorothy G. Graves

Dorothy Graham Graves of Grinnell died of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Cremains will be interred at a later date in a family plot at the Milton Cemetery in Milton, Mass.

She was born Dec. 20, 1921, in Milton, the daughter of Jennie W. Nelson and Benjamin F. Graham Sr. She was a member of First Congregational Church in Milton and a 1940 graduate of Milton High School. She studied subsequently at Burdett Business College in Boston. Her varied business career included five years in the business office of The Old Corner Bookstore in Boston, seven years as a dental secretary, six years as a teachers' aide in Milton public schools and after moving to Grinnell five years as a machine operator at Delong Jacket Factory.

She was married on March 31, 1951, to Maurice William Graves. Their family includes two sons Robert G. and his wife Elaine of Whitman, Mass., who have blessed Dorothy with two grandchildren, Timothy R., 13, and Janine M. 10., and Peter J., a Grinnell High School graduate and veteran of the United States Air Force, who with his wife Sharon resides in Smithville, Mo.

She is survived by her sons, her husband of Milton, Mass., and one brother, Benjamin F. Graham, Jr., a retired Grinnell College professor. She was preceded in death in 1994 by her sister Nathalie Jean Graham Marbach, a registered nurse who resided in Denver, Colo.