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Memorials may be designated to the Frances Hall Memorial Fund, PO Box 368, Grinnell IA 50112 to benefit the Madison Church of Christ, Poweshiek County 4-H and Heritage Park. Memories and condolences may be shared with her family at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

She was born Nov. 10, 1926, to William and Margaret Wilda Fuller in Keswick. She played basketball at Gibson High School prior to attending

Guernsey High School from which she graduated in 1944. During World War II she trained to be an air traffic controller. At the conclusion of the war, she entered Iowa State Teachers' College from which she received a degree in elementary education. She taught in schools in Stanwood and Grinnell.

On June 25, 1950, she was united in marriage with Norman Robert Hall at Madison Church of Christ. They farmed north of Brooklyn for four years. In 1954 they moved to a farm east of Grinnell where they farmed for 26 years. They were active in Madison Church of Christ and the American Farm Bureau and 4-H in which Frances was a leader for 20 years. She also was a member of the Poweshiek County Fair board of directors; Grinnell Regional Hospital Auxiliary; Grinnell Master Gardeners; and co-founder of Heritage Park.

She had been recognized as a long-time 4-H leader and had received the Wallace's Farmer "Homemaker of the Year" Award and Volunteer of the Year Award from Gov. Terry Branstad.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Norman Hall of Grinnell; her son Dennis Hall of San Francisco, Calif., and her daughter, Sue Bouchard of Altoona; four grandchildren; and her brother, Max Fuller of Longmont, Colo. She was preceded in death by her parents.

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# Flowers are her most obvious legacy

• Heritage Park is one of her brightest and best kept secrets

I lost a friend recently. You can't call her a best friend by any means, but we talked at times and when she went to the hospital, she would more often than not be admitted by my wife.

She would tell Melissa to say hi to me nearly every time.

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I got to know her through Camp Grinnell, the Civil War Living History Encampment I helped organize.

When it was first started, we needed a place to go. The City of Grinnell has a rule where guns can't be used in city limits, so the idea of having an educational encampment on middle school grounds wouldn't work.

In came Frances. She let us use the Heritage Park at the fairgrounds—county land nearly surrounded by city property.

She would make sure things were just right for us. So we helped out when we could. Aside from cleaning up the church, school and grounds, we helped do some work on the buildings, too.

As a master gardener,

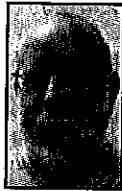
Francis would always come out and check over the flowers in the park. Her house is always alive with flowers, plants and gardens.

It was a yearly thing for me to go by and pick up the keys so we could use the build-

**FRANKLY, I'D RATHER BE FISHING**

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ings, and every year she reminded me to make sure we put everything back—which we did.

As a cofounder of the Heritage Park, she began a long and arduous task of preserving a little of Poweshiek County at a time.

The school and church are in great shape and can be used for meetings or other related activities.

And we plan on keeping them that way.

A group of people are organizing to make sure the Heritage Park remains.

At the moment, you might call it the county's best kept secret.

Not for much longer.

# Frances E. Hall, 83

Frances E. Hall, age 83, of Grinnell, went home to be with the Lord at her home in Grinnell, surrounded by her family, on Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010.

A celebration of life service was held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Aug. 30, at the Madison Church of Christ near Brooklyn with Pastor Dennis Smith officiating. Interment was in the Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery.



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Frances was born Nov. 10, 1926, to William and Margaret (Wilda) Fuller in Keswick. She played basketball at Gibson High School prior to attending Guernsey High School, where she graduated from in 1944. During World War II, she trained to be an air traffic controller, but the war ended and her services were no longer needed. Frances then went to Iowa State Teacher's College in Cedar Falls, Iowa, where she received an elementary teaching degree.

Frances taught in Stanwood and Grinnell schools before marrying Norman Robert Hall at the Madison Church of Christ on June 25, 1950. Together, they farmed north of Brooklyn for four years. Their son, Dennis, was born Aug. 12, 1951, followed by their daughter, Sue, on Feb. 11, 1953.

In 1954, Norman and Frances moved to a farm east of Grinnell, where they lived and farmed for 26 years. During this time, Frances and Norman were active members of the Madison Church of Christ and Farm Bureau. When Sue was old enough to join 4-H, Frances became a 4-H leader and remained so for more than 20 years. She also served as a member of the Poweshiek County Fair Board, Grinnell Hospital Auxiliary, Master Gardeners of Grinnell, and was co-founder of Heritage Park in Grinnell.

Frances was honored as a long-time 4-H leader. She also received the "Wallace's Farmer" Homemaker of the Year award and Volunteer of the Year award from Governor Terry Branstad.

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