

## Nellie R. Monroe



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Visitation will be held prior to her service on Tuesday from 9 until 10:30 a.m.

Memorials may be designated in her name to the Grace Community Church, 511 Sixth Avenue, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

Nellie was born on April 15, 1916, to George Washington Askea and Lucy Cook in Washington, Iowa. She was raised in Washington and graduated from Washington High School with the class of 1934, and later received her teacher's certificate from the University of Iowa.

She was united in marriage with Clifford Monroe in 1936 at the Keokuk County Courthouse in Sigourney. Following their marriage, they resided in Iowa City and Nellie was a homemaker. The couple moved to Grinnell and she worked in the housekeeping department at Grinnell College for 17 years. She was a member of the Grace Community Church in Grinnell.

Nellie's family was her life. She was an excellent cook who enjoyed preparing meals for her family to enjoy, especially on the holidays. Her other enjoyments were being outdoors feeding the squirrels and rabbits and tending to her flower garden, listening to Music In The Park on Thursday evenings, dancing, and going to horse shows.

Nellie is survived by her children, Gerald Monroe of DeSoto, Pat Guckert of Grinnell, Jim Monroe of Cedar Rapids, and Steven Monroe of Des Moines, Iowa; eight grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Clifford Monroe; her brothers, Herbert and Albert Askea; and her sisters, Mable Thatcher, Hazel Lamp, Verna O'Brien, and Grace Kling.

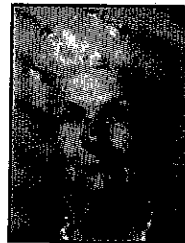
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