

## Edna Chyma, 97

Edna Chyma, 97, of Grinnell, died on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2008, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

A funeral mass was held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 29, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell with Rev. Nick Adam, pastor of the church, officiating. Organist was Marilyn Kriegel. Casket bearers were Bill Hanssen, Mike Hotchkin, David Jones, Allen Latcham, Denny Rook and James Viles. Honorary bearers were Delmar Adkins, Bill Campbell, Frank Fowler, Tom Hasley and Addison Jones. Interment was at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Francis Manor Activity Fund.

Edna was born on March 11, 1911, in Quarry, to Albert and Ida Belle Davis Smith. The family moved to Kelliher, Minn. in a covered wagon, and she was raised on a berry farm and attended rural school. She returned to Iowa and settled in Tama with her sister.

On Feb. 3, 1931, she was married to George Chyma at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Tama. The couple farmed south of Tama, and from 1935 to 1968, they farmed the F.A. Jones farm east of Grinnell. She was a homemaker and mother of two children.

Edna was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell and the Altar and Rosary Society. She was also a member of the Farm Bureau, the Heritage Club and the WAW Club. Her hobbies included baking rye bread, needle work, dancing, playing cards and bingo and cheering on the Iowa Hawkeyes and Grinnell Tigers.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Ann (Ed) Hudnutt of Grinnell; her son, Melvin George Chyma of Grinnell; one granddaughter, Peggy Guyer of Grinnell; and two great-grandsons, Douglas Guyer and Kyle Guyer, both of Ames.

She is preceded in death by her husband in 1987; her father in 1937; her mother in 1944; two brothers, Walter Smith and Ivan Rogers; and four sisters, Florence Daugharty, Edith Bidwell, Carrie Hamiel and Marie Smith.



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