

**Dorotha Marie Lyons** 6H-R  
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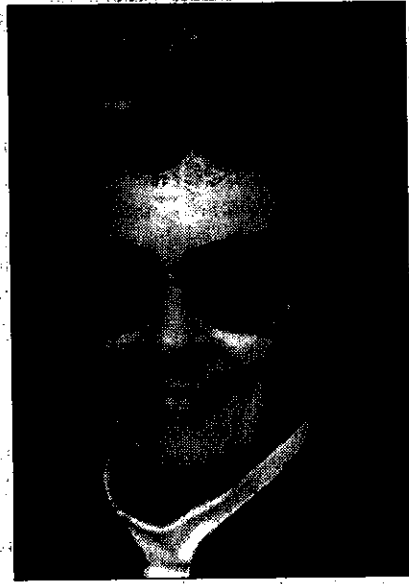
Dorotha Marie Lyons, 89, of Grinnell died March 7, 2014, at St. Francis Manor.

A graveside service and burial has been scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 15 at the Lamar Cemetery, Lamar, Nebraska.

Visitation with the family present will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Liewer Funeral Home in Imperial, Nebraska.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Grinnell Regional Hospice of Grinnell, IA.

Dorotha was born March 9, 1924, on the family farm near Lamar, Nebraska, the daughter of Ernest and Eva Freeland Martin.



She was raised in the Lamar and Imperial, Nebraska, area and was a 1941 graduate of Imperial High School. Following high school, she moved to Denver, Colorado, where she attended Burroughs Adding Machine School and afterward worked at the Federal Reserve Bank.

On June 24, 1946, Dorotha was united in marriage to Vern Lyons. In 1958, Vern and "Dottie" (as he affectionately referred to her) moved to Strawberry Point, Iowa, where they raised their family. During those years, she also pursued a career. Dorotha was a compassionate, caring woman and so gravitated to health care. She began as a dental assistant and later was employed as a Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) at the Lutheran Home. In 1995, after 17 years helping the residents at the Lutheran Home, she retired. She moved to Grinnell in 2009.

While in Strawberry Point, Dorotha was a member of the Lioness Club and Backbone Golf and Country Club. She also attended the Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Growing up as a farm girl in Nebraska, Dorotha naturally had a love for the land and the open space, and she had a particular fondness for windmills and Hereford cattle. Always a hard worker herself, she also took great pride in her husband's career in the telephone industry, which she believed provided an invaluable service to people and families. Dorotha had a life-long love of music. Playing the piano, dancing, and listening to her husband sing all gave her great joy. Her grandchildren remember watching her and Vern dance to Lawrence Welk on Saturday night. She also enjoyed reading the Bible, and later in life, developed a passion for golf.

Dorotha had an unconditional love for her family and she was endlessly supportive and encouraging to them. Survivors include two children, Jo Lee (Duane) Loftin of Grinnell and Richard (Jean) Lyons of Centennial, Colorado; one step-daughter, Judy (Claude) Padgett of Fredricksburg, Iowa; one brother, Ernest Martin, Jr. of Lamar; one sister, Frances Moranville of Lamar; four grandchildren, Dave Loftin of Denver, Kelly Beck of Grinnell, Katie Lyons of Chicago and Ben Lyons of Denver; two step-grandchildren; Dawn Chaky of Texas and Monte Padgett of Florida; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Vern, in 1996; two sisters, Loueva Makinster and Fern Mathews; and two brothers, Joe and Ben Martin.

*So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13.*

*A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.... Proverbs 17:22*

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