
Mary Patricia Church Martin E. Church

Graveside memorial services for Mary Patricia Church and Martin Edward Church, formerly of Grinnell, will be held Thursday, August 4, at 11 a.m. in the Lakeview section of Hazelwood Cemetery. Mary Patricia Church died Oct. 12, 1999, in Sun Lakes, Ariz., and Martin Edward Church died March 1, 2002, also in Sun Lakes.

Martin Edward Church was born January 18, 1920, in EVELAND, Iowa, and Mary Patricia Tullis was born February 7, 1921, in Decatur, Iowa. They were married July 14, 1940. Marty was a veteran of the Army Air Corps and World War II.

They lived in Grinnell from 1948 until 1951, and again from 1962 until Marty retired in 1982, when they moved to Sun Lakes. While in Grinnell, Marty owned a clothing business and was a manufacturer's representative for a shoe company and Pat worked with Welcome Wagon. Marty belonged to the Elks Club, and both were longtime members of the American Legion. They played golf and bridge and both were involved in music: Pat as a dancer, and Marty, a trumpet player. During retirement in Sun Lakes, Marty became involved in real estate and was manager of his office as well as president of his homeowner's association.

Survivors include three children: Carol French of Portland, Ore.; Sue Johnson of Phoenix, Ariz.; and Edward Church of Ottumwa; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; Pat's sister Sally Pettus of Kansas City and brother Jim Tullis of Fairfield. They were preceded in death by two grandchildren and one great grandson, as well as their parents and several siblings.

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