

Madelyn M. DeAngelo



Madelyn M. DeAngelo, 95, of Grinnell and formerly of Toledo, died Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 11 a.m. at Kruse-Phillips Funeral Home in Tama with Pastor Warren Riley officiating. Visitation will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21, at the funeral home from 10 a.m. until the time of the service. Per Madelyn's wishes, her body has been donated to the University of Iowa to assist them in their research for macular degeneration. Private interment will be held at National Cemetery in rural Vining at a future date.

Memorials may be directed to Community Services of Saint Francis, any animal rescue charity, or St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Tama.

Madelyn was born on June 6, 1921, in Irving, Iowa, the daughter of Anton and Marie Benishek Vobornik.

After graduating from high school, she taught in country school in rural Tama County, riding a horse to get there when the roads were bad. After World War II, she worked for the U.S. government in Germany in their communications department. She returned to the states and lived in California. There she had a son, and they continued to reside in California where she worked as an accountant.

In 1964, she got her teaching degree from South Dakota State, Spearfish, SD, and returned to Tama-Toledo where

she taught third grade. She retired in 1983 from the school district and then worked at the Toledo Public Library as their "technical specialist" for several years.

Macular degeneration took her sight, but did not taint her independence. Her love of reading evolved into her love of listening to books on tape, thanks to the Iowa Department for the Blind's extensive library. Madelyn loved gardening, feeding the birds, traveling, sewing, and playing piano. She was devoted to her grandchildren and son, and beloved by the students who passed through her classroom doors.

Madelyn lived in Toledo until 2013 when she moved to Grinnell. She was a resident of Saint Francis Manor.

She is survived by her son Jack and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.