

Eleanor M. Mason

Eleanor M. Mason, 82, of Cottage Grove Place, Cedar Rapids, formerly of Tama, died Feb. 8, 2006, at Cottage Grove Place following a lengthy illness.

Memorial services were held Saturday, Feb. 11, at Cedar Memorial Chapel of Memories in Cedar Rapids with inurnment at St. Patrick's Catholic Church Cemetery in Tama.

She was born Nov. 27, 1923, in Grinnell, the daughter of John and Clara Figland Cogley. She graduated from Grinnell High School and began a career of teaching at the age of 17. She married Dale Mason of Tama on Feb. 12, 1943; they later were divorced. She attended Drake University in Des Moines where she earned the bachelor of arts degree in education. She taught for many years in the South Tama Community Schools, was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Tama, sang in choirs in her church and at her retirement community in Mesa, Ariz.

She is survived by one daughter Debra Wedemeier of Cedar Rapids; one son Kim Mason of Des Moines; six grandchildren; seven sisters, Betty Bryan of Davenport, Bernice Mithelman, Avis Kelm and Patricia Lang, all of Grinnell, Joan Hopkinson of Savannah, Ga., Barbara Danskin of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Marilyn Copeland of Jefferson, and three brothers, Dr. Keith Cogley of Colfax, Dr. Allen Cogley of Jefferson City, Tenn., and Dr. Roy Cogley of Green Valley, Ariz. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Clarence Cogley and Jim Cogley.