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## Cheryl Cocking



Cheryl Cocking of Grinnell passed away on March 31, 2022, at the age of 99, after a short battle with cancer. She spent her final years at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, where she received wonderful care.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 5, at the Grinnell Christian Church with the Rev. John Epperson and the Rev. Scott Surovic officiating. Pallbearers will be James Cocking, Chad Cocking, Brian Barns, Mike Barns, Kristin Cocking Cooper, Aaron Cocking, Shane Cocking, and Jeremy Cooper. Graveside services with military honors and burial will be held following the funeral service and luncheon

at 3:00 p.m. in the Erie, Illinois Cemetery.

Visitation with the Cocking family present will be held one hour prior to the funeral service at the Grinnell Christian Church.

Memorial contributions may be designated to the Grinnell Christian Church.

The funeral services will be live-streamed on the Smith Funeral Home and Crematory Facebook page beginning at 9:45 a.m.

Cheryl Arlene Hoerler Cocking was born February 5, 1923, in Erie, Illinois, the daughter of Sam and Theresa (Greth) Hoerler. She attended grade school at Mineral Springs country school and Erie Community High School, both in Erie, Illinois, graduating in 1940.

Cheryl attended Moline Community Business College in Moline, Illinois. She worked as bookkeeper at Beck Jewelry & Optical Company, Moline, Illinois, Clerk-Typist at Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois, served as a Radioman 2nd class of the W.A.V.E.S. (U.S. Naval Reserve) during World War II, and worked as a bookkeeper for Erie Co-operative Elevator, Erie, Illinois. After ten years of not working outside the home, she worked as Secretary at Elizabeth Community School, Elizabeth, Illinois, Private Secretary at Kable News Company, Mt. Morris, Illinois, Clerk-Typist at The State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, and Bookkeeper/Credit Manager at Richardson Lumber and Supply, Inc. and Vosburg Building Center, Grinnell, Iowa, from which she retired in 1985 after 25 years. She was Broker/Owner of Cocking Realty, Grinnell, Iowa, and worked in real estate for 28 years.

Cheryl married Harold Wayne Cocking of Erie Illinois, on August 9, 1947, in Erie, Illinois. He passed in 2007. They have two sons, Jim (Mary) Cocking of Fairborn, Ohio, and Kent (Laurie) Cocking of State Center, Iowa, and one daughter, Sherri (Jim) Barns of Bella Vista, Arkansas. They have six grandsons, James (Korey) Cocking of Brookville, Ohio, Chad (Tiffany) Cocking of Canton, Georgia, Brian Barns of Russellville, Arkansas, Mike (Jessica) Barns, Webb City, Missouri, Aaron (Kristie) Cocking of Albertville, Minnesota, and Shane (Natalie) Cocking of Albertville, Minnesota, and one granddaughter, Kristin (Jeremy) Cooper of West Des Moines, Iowa. She also has 20 great grandchildren.

Cheryl was an active member of the Grinnell Christian Church where she was the chairman of the library committee for many years, taught Sunday School, including youth and adult classes, and sang in the choir until she became the pianist for the Senior Choir for 25 years. She was also active in many organizations where she was Past President of Junior Women's Club, a member of the Order of Eastern Star for 50 years, a member of the Poweshiek County Board of Realtors, the Iowa Association of Realtors and National Association of Realtors. Cheryl was the State Director of WAVES National for five years, starting the first six units in Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, her sister and brother, and one great grandchild.