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### **Dorothy Willemssen**

Dorothy Willemssen, 86, of Grinnell died Tuesday, Sept. 18, at her home.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, Sept. 22, at 10:30 a.m. at Grinnell United Methodist Church. Interment will be at Woodland Cemetery in Lynville. Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home beginning at 12 noon on Friday with family members present to greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday evening. Memorials may be directed to Grinnell United Methodist Church or to St. Francis Manor.

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Born Nov. 23, 1920, in Adel, she was the daughter of Wallace and Bessie Marchant Smith. Following the death of her parents at a young age, she moved to Lynnville, where she was raised by her Uncle Verl and Aunt Mae Marchant. She graduated from Lynnville High School with the class of 1938, then attended William Penn College in Oskaloosa, where she received her teaching certificate in 1940. She later earned her bachelor's degree, in 1968.

On Aug. 12, 1945, she married Everett Willemssen in Newton. The couple lived in Lynnville much of their lives. She worked as an educator at the Newburg School, the Huxley School and the Lynnville-Sully School.

She was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church and a past member of the Lynnville Friends Church, where she taught Sunday school for many years. She enjoyed traveling to Arizona and Florida, taking nature walks, collecting sea shells and watching sunsets.

She is survived by her husband; her children, Sandra Zoto of West Barnstable, Mass., and Brian Willemssen of Streamwood, Ill.; four grandchildren; and a great-grandson. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Paul Smith.

Memorials may be directed to the Grinnell United Methodist Church or to St. Francis Manor. Online condolences may be submitted to the family on the Smith Funeral Home web site, [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

HR 9/24/07

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She was united in marriage to Everett Willemsen on August 12, 1945, in Newton. The couple resided in Lynnville much of their lives where Dorothy was an educator at Newburg School, Huxley School and Lynnville-Sully School respectively.

Dorothy was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church and a past member of the Lynnville Friends Church where she had taught Sunday School for many years. Her family and her faith was her life. Her enjoyments included traveling to Arizona and Florida, taking nature walks, collecting sea shells, and watching the beautiful sunsets.

Dorothy is survived by her husband of 62 years, Everett Willemsen of Grinnell; her children, Sandra (George) Zoto of West Barnstable, Massachusetts, and Brian (Teri) Willemsen of Streamwood, Illinois; four grandchildren, Michelle and Leigh Ann Zoto, and Dan and Brenda Willemsen; and her great grandson, Goran Perley.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; and her brother, Paul Smith in 1975.

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