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Eileen A. Hopkins

Eileen A. Hopkins, 90, of Grinnell died Tuesday, May 20, 2008, at St. Francis Manor.



A funeral service was held Saturday, May 24, at 10:30 a.m. at the Grinnell United Methodist Church with the Rev. Del Dawes officiating. Interment was in Hazelwood Cemetery. Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home. Memorials may be directed to the United Methodist Church or to Grinnell Regional Hospice. Online condolences may be submitted to her family at www.smithfh.com.

She was born Aug. 3, 1917, in Sedalia, Mo. to Joseph and Charlotte Esser Swisher. She was raised in Sedalia, graduating from Smith-Cotton High School in Sedalia in 1935. She was united in marriage with Wilson Walter Hopkins on July 21, 1940, in Sedalia. They resided in Illinois, Wisconsin and Nebraska before moving to Grinnell in 1960. The couple purchased Poynter's Fashions in Grinnell in 1969. She later worked at Danish Maid Bakery in the early 1980s.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church, the American Legion Auxiliary and Grinnell Regional Medical Center Auxiliary. She enjoyed playing cards, especially bridge; baking; tending to her flowers and was a sports enthusiast who loved the Iowa Hawkeyes.

She is survived by her children, Judy Johnson of Broken Arrow, Okla.; Jerry Hopkins of Marshalltown; Nancy Beck of Grinnell; Mary Andrews of Cedar Rapids; Jim Hopkins of Grinnell; Mike Hopkins of Durham, N. H., and Lori Rochford of Central City; 17 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren and her brother John Swisher of Sedalia, Mo. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Wilson Hopkins in 2001; one grandson Clarke Johnson in 2007; her brother Fred Swisher, and her sisters, Virginia Landess, Doris Steele and Arline Swisher, Eileen's twin sister who died in infancy at the age of 16 months.

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