

## Wilma Mott Esler

(William)

Wilma "Tootie" Mott Esler, 91, of Grinnell died Sunday, Feb. 16, at Friendship Manor.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday morning at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Bob Molsberry, pastor of the United Church of Christ - Congregational, officiating. Organist was Alice Renaud, and pallbearers were Lynn Gossen, Floyd Postma, Randy Smith, William C. Smith, Keith Vosburg and Jim White. Burial was in Oakhill Cemetery, Tama.

The daughter of William Cross and Bertha Ann Reynolds Smith, she was born March 21, 1905, in Grinnell. She was a 1923 graduate of Grinnell High School. She then worked for several years for the Grinnell Glove Factory.

She was married to Clarence L. Mott Jan. 1, 1935, in Grinnell. They lived in Toledo before moving to Tama in 1936. She was employed by Iowa Electric Light and Power and later with Central Iowa Telephone. Mr. Mott died in 1958.

On Feb. 5, 1970, she was married to William H. Esler in Grinnell. They remained in Tama. After Mr. Esler's death, she returned to Grinnell. She had been a resident of Friendship Manor since 1990.

Mrs. Esler was preceded in death by her parents; her two husbands; her only child, Earl Max, in infancy; two brothers, Herbert B. Smith and Stanley C. Smith; and two sisters, Minnie May Gossen and one in infancy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the March of Dimes.

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