

Frances Gilbert, 92 (George^S)

Frances J. Gilbert, 92, Grinnell, died Aug. 4, 1996 at St. Frances Manor in Grinnell.

Mass was celebrated on Aug. 8, 1996 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell with the Rev. Dr. Anthony G. Farrell, officiating. Organist was Alice Renaud and the St. Mary's choir sang under the direction of Karen Town. Pallbearers were Michael Gilbert, Patrick Gilbert, Gerald Ladely, Daryl Nieuwsma, David Parker, James Parker and Richard Parker. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Frances was born April 22, 1904, the daughter of Joseph and Rose Smith Essex, in New Sharon where she was raised and received her education. She was married to George Sherman Gilbert in Grinnell and the couple farmed in the Grinnell area for several years. In 1939, they moved to a farm in the New Sharon area. After the death of her husband in 1961, she continued farming and returned to Grinnell in 1990. She

was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Altar and Rosary Society in Grinnell, the Sunny Circle Club in New Sharon, and served as a 4-H leader. Frances enjoyed her life on the farm and looked forward to her grandchildren's numerous visits. She also enjoyed crocheting, knitting, reading, and later in life traveling throughout the United States and Europe.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sons: Max and Gene Gilbert; and three sisters: Mary Ellen Henderson, Lucy McConkey and Agnes Creamer.

Frances is survived by two children: George Gilbert of Lovilia, Iowa, and Rosemary Parker of Des Moines; twelve grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials contributions may be made to the Frances J. Gilbert Memorial Fund.