

## Esther Groves

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Esther Frances Groves, 88, died Saturday, May 18, at Friendship Manor in Grinnell.

The funeral mass was celebrated Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell, with the Rev. William M. Murphy and the Rev. William D. Olson, deacon, officiating. Music was provided by St. Mary's choir and organist Kyle Szary. Pallbearers were Michael, Christopher, Nicholas and David Groves, Gary Breitbach and Bernard Hotchkin.

Burial was in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Tama, with the Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell in charge of arrangements.

The daughter of August J. and Frances Carroll Puth, she was born Jan. 14, 1908, in Tama. She attended Mt. Mercy Boarding School in Cedar Rapids and was a 1926 graduate of Tama High School.

She was married to Orla C. Groves April 12, 1928, in Tama. They lived in the Tama-Toledo area. Mrs. Groves was employed as a phone operator and bookkeeper at the former Central Iowa Telephone

Co. for several years until retiring to stay at home and raise her family. She later worked at the State Juvenile Home in Toledo before becoming deputy Tama County auditor. She retired in May 1970.

Mrs. Groves was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Tama and was active with the Tama County Historical Society.

Surviving are her children, Patricia A. Eggers of Phoenix, Ariz., and Robert D. Groves of Grinnell; one sister, Ilene Sturdivan of Burbank, Calif.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son, Donald; one grandchild; three brothers, Donald, Carroll and Erwin Puth; and two sisters, Helen Puth and Mary Grace Piktel.

An Esther Frances Groves Memorial Fund has been established.

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