

Esther Heldenbrand

Esther B. Heldenbrand, 88, of Grinnell died Monday, July 1, at St. Francis Manor.

A graveside service was held Wednesday at Van Meter Cemetery, Van Meter, with James M. White of Grinnell officiating. The Smith Funeral Home handled arrangements.

The daughter of Marion Marcus and Blanche Colola Ball, she was born Nov. 7, 1913, in Cambridge. She moved with her family to Des Moines and received her education there.

She was married to William E. "Bill" Heldenbrand March 3, 1930, in Des Moines, where they lived until moving to a farm near Booneville in 1946. In 1976 they moved to Van Meter. Mrs. Heldenbrand had been a resident of Grinnell since 1998.

Surviving are five children, Donald of Tucson, Ariz., Louis of Linden, Kenneth Heldenbrand of Lake Ponderosa, Judith Roland of Grinnell and Jane Jones of Stuart; one brother, Gerald Ball of Oregon; 17 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one daughter, Joan Spencer; three sisters; three brothers; and two grandchildren.

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