

## Ethel Tomasek rites Tuesday

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Ethel Tomasek

Ethel E. Tomasek, 79, of 709 Tenth Ave., Grinnell, died Friday, Jan. 31, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Grinnell United Church of Christ-Congregational, with the Rev. Philip J. Ramstad officiating. Organist will be Deanna Acrea, and vocalist will be Marvin Kelley.

Pallbearers will be Leslie Bean, Donald Charnetski, Benjamin Graham, Donald Lambie, William Olson and Paul Van Roekel. Honorary bearers

will be Orville Bloethe, Wayne Denny, Hugh McCleery, Albert Pinder, Jerry Roberts, Harris Stafford and Charles Vogel. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The daughter of William and Jane Powell Evans, she was born on Jan. 16, 1907, at Williamsburg. She graduated from Williamsburg High School and attended Coe College. She received a B.A. degree in music from the University of Iowa. She taught music and art at schools in Waukee, Perry and Cedar Rapids.

On Oct. 5, 1935, she was married to F.W. Tomasek in Williamsburg. The couple lived in Grinnell where Mrs. Tomasek was a member of the Magoun Club, Pi Rho Lambda and P.E.O. She was also a member of the United Church of Christ-Congregational and was active in the Women's Fellowship and the church choir.

Survivors include one son, John D. Tomasek of Grinnell; a daughter, Miriam Freiter of Kingwood, Texas; two grandchildren; and one sister, Erma Snyder of Denver, Colo. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

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## Expresses thanks to TOMASEK Grinnell community

To the Editor:

After the sudden death of my mother, Ethel Tomasek, I once again have the opportunity to reflect on the process of saying goodbye to loved ones in a small Iowa town. And that experience makes me realize that I owe a great debt to the community and its people. I therefore want to extend my thanks:

- To the staff and many friends at the Mayflower Home for showing Mom that life can still contain joy, even when it is viewed from a wheelchair.

- To the church choir and to the Rev. Philip Ramstad for lifting Mother's funeral service into a celebration of her life.

- To friends in Grinnell for translating their sympathy into a tangible form with cards, flowers, memorials, and such practical help as house-sitting, bringing in food and addressing envelopes.

The town of Grinnell truly enfolded us in its comforting hug. I have lived in larger towns than Grinnell but I have never lived in a finer one. The past 10 days remind me of a letter I once received from a welfare client informing me that her husband has returned to work. She said, "Thanks for being there when I needed you." — Miriam Tomasek Freiter, Kingwood, Texas