

Annie M. Varnum

Annie M. Varnum, 91, of Ames, died Friday, April 30, at Green Hills Care Center in Ames.

The Mass of the Resurrection will be held Tuesday, May 4, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell with the Rev. William Reynolds, pastor of the church, officiating. Music will be by Kyle Szary, organist, and St. Mary's Choir. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Brooklyn. A scripture service will be held Monday, May 3, at 8 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home. Friends may call at the funeral home beginning at 9 a.m. Monday. The family will be present at the funeral home from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday. Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church Foundation.

Mrs. Varnum was born July 23, 1907, on the family farm near Brooklyn to Joseph and Kate Kline Reitzler. She attended rural school and graduated from Brooklyn High School. Following her education she taught school.

She was married on Oct. 23, 1933, to P.D. Varnum in Brooklyn. They lived at Tama and later moved to Malcom where she was a homemaker. In 1972 the Varnums moved to Grinnell and in 1990 they moved to Ames.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include three sons, Don Varnum, Ankeny, Frank Varnum, Los Alamitos, Calif., and Tom Varnum, North Redington Beach, Fla.; 11 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren; one great great grandson; one brother, Ted Reitzler, North English, and one sister, Catherine Nowotny, Victor.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; two brothers, John and Marvin Reitzler, and two sisters, Mary Upah and Rosie Henry.

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Annie was born on July 23, 1907, on the family farm near Brooklyn to Joseph and Kate Kline Reitzler. She was raised on the family farm, attended rural school, and graduated from Brooklyn High School. Following her education, she taught school.

On Oct. 23, 1933, she was married to P.D. Varnum at Brooklyn. The couple lived at Tama and later moved to Malcom. While living in the Malcom area she was a homemaker. In 1972, the couple moved to Grinnell and lived there until moving to Ames in 1990.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Her husband; two brothers, John and Marvin Reitzler; and two sisters, Mary Upah and Rosie Henry, preceded her in death.

Survivors include three sons, Don Varnum of Ankeny, Frank Varnum of Los Alamitos, Calif., and Tom Varnum of North Redington Beach, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; one great great-grandson; one brother, Ted Reitzler of North English; and her sister, Catherine Nowotny of Victor.

Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell was in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be directed to St. Mary's Catholic Church Foundation.

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