

A memorial fund in Ruth's name will be established at a later date. Ruth was born on Feb. 10, 1914, in Sioux City to Charles and Minnie Hamel Seidensticker. She was raised in Fort Dodge and graduated from Fort Dodge High School. She also attended the University of Iowa. After her graduation she lived in Des Moines and worked at the Home Federal Savings and Loan.

In February of 1937, she married Robert H. Bush in Des Moines. The couple lived in Des Moines and she was a homemaker and mother of three children. Following the death of her husband in 1966 she moved to Florida and later to San Diego, Calif. She was married to Dr. Robert Rowland in February of 1978. The couple lived in California and Texas before moving to Grinnell in 2002.

She enjoyed sewing, the arts and water color painting, as well as conversation on current events and traveling throughout the United States, Europe and the Orient with her husband.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Robert Rowland of Grinnell; two daughters, Mimsy Tarman of Grinnell and Susie Bim of Brooklyn; a step-daughter, Kathryn Alfrey of Carlsbad, Calif.; four grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sons, David and Harry Bush; and two sisters, Mar-

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Ruth M. Rowland



Ruth M. Rowland, 96, of Grinnell, died on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service will be held 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 17, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Bill Olson officiating. Interment will be at Masonic Cemetery in Des Moines.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell from 12 noon to 5 p.m. on Friday. The family will be present at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.