Mary E. Tomfeld

Mary E. Tomfeld, 85, of Grinnell, died on Sunday, May 13, 2012, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

A memorial service will be held 11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 16, 2012, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Rev. Len Eberhart, pastor of the United Methodist Church in Grinnell, officiating. A private family inurnment will be held at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorials may be directed to St. Francis Manor or to the Drake Community Library of Grinnell.
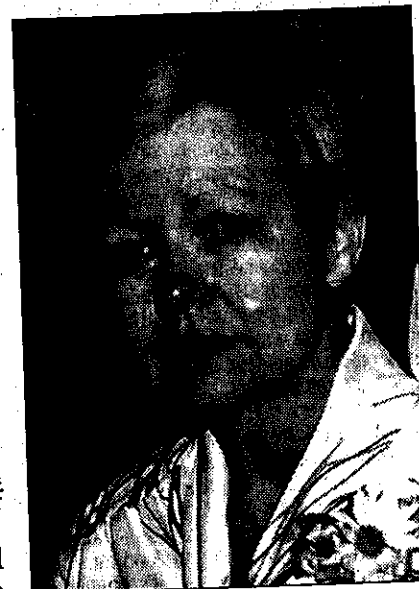
Mary was born on April 11, 1927, in Wilton, Iowa, to Earl and Nellie Henderson Whitmer. She was raised in Wilton and graduated from Wilton High School with the Class of 1945. She received a teaching certificate from the Iowa State Teacher's College in Cedar Falls. Following her education she taught in rural schools in Illinois and Iowa.

On February 17, 1951, she was married to Madison Tomfeld in Oskaloosa, Iowa. The family lived in Muscatine before moving to Grinnell in 1959. She was a homemaker and mother of two daughters.

Mary was a member of the United Methodist Church in Grinnell. She enjoyed family events and traveling to Colorado.

Survived by daughters, Alice (Steve) Andersen of Des Moines and Deborah Twito of Northfield, Minnesota; seven grandchildren, Diane (Doug) Preston, Russell (Kari) Andersen, Chris and Sarah Graham, and Sam (Alyssa Azari), Isaac, and Emma Twito. Also survived by two great grandchildren, Roland and Lucy Jean Preston; one sister-in-law, Marion Michael; and nieces, Kathy, Carol and Joan; and four nephews, Matthew, Maurice, Lyle Jr., and Michael; as well as many great nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by her husband, Madison Tomfeld; her parents, Earl and Nellie Whitmer; one brother, Lyle Whitmer; mother and father-in-law, Jean and Frederick Tomfeld; one sister-in-law, Evelyn Whitmer; one brother-in-law, George Michael; and one son-in-law, Timothy Twito.

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