

Ada P. Eames



Ada P. Eames, 89, of Gilman, died Wednesday, Aug 31, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, with Ron Rice of the Gilman United Methodist Church officiating. Casket bearers were Doyl "Butch" Altemeier, Chris Purdy, Ken Golder, Brad Tew, David Roe, Mike Cope, Jeff Cope and Jarod Roberts. Interment was at the Chester Cemetery near Grinnell.

She was born on Sept. 2, 1916, in Hickory Grove Township near Newburg, to Joseph and Lizzie Hays Smith. She was raised on the family farm, attended rural school, and graduated from Newburg High School. She also attended a beauty school in Des Moines. On April 21, 1935, she married C.O. "Buss" Eames at the Newburg Church parsonage. The couple farmed in Tama County until 1953, and later farmed near Newburg. She moved to St. Francis Manor in 2004. She was artistic and enjoyed china painting, oil painting, and quilting.

Survivors include her two daughters, Josie Roe and Marjorie "Cookie" Cope, both of Gilman; one son, Thomas Eames of Gilman; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Louise Falk of St. Paul, Minn. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, Howard and Charles Smith; and two sisters, Alberta Sullens and Edith Veber.

Memorials may be directed to the Gilman Community United Church of Christ, or to the Gilman United Methodist Church.

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