

Betty Schwengels

Betty M. Schwengels, 87, of Grinnell and formerly of Fairfield died on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at Mayflower Health Care Center in Grinnell.

Funeral services for Betty Schwengels were held at 10 a.m. today (Monday) at the First Presbyterian Church in Fairfield with the Rev. Sandra Hannah officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, also in Fairfield.

She was born Jan. 18, 1918, in Ottumwa to Frank and Adeline Pedrick Pickett. She grew up there and graduated from Ottumwa High School and later Parsons College in Fairfield.

On July 3, 1943, she married Forrest V. "Frosty" Schwengels in Winfield, Kan. The couple lived in many U.S. and foreign locations while he served in the U.S. Air Force. They retired to Fairfield in 1963 and, during her husband's tenure as a state senator, she assisted him and worked at the senate switchboard.

She had lived for four years in Grinnell.

She is survived by a daughter, Suzanne Schwengels of Grinnell; two sons, Forrest V. Schwengels II of Oak Ridge, Tenn., and Paul Schwengels of Tacoma Park, Md.; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and a brother, Prof. Paul Pickett.

Memorials may be made to her church, to the F.V. Schwengels Scholarship Fund at Indian Hills Community College or to Mayflower Home and may be sent care of the Pedrick Funeral Home, PO Box 513, Keosauqua, Iowa 52565-0513 or care of the family at 208 Broad St. South, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

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