

Sara M. Fishman



Sara Margaret Fishman, 83, of Grinnell died Tuesday, July 11, 2006, at her home three days before her 84th birthday.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, July 19, at 2 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Susan Leathem, chaplain of Grinnell Regional Hospice, officiating.

She was born July 14, 1922, in Birmingham, Ala., the daughter of Oscar and Pauline Elsie Mayer. She was raised in Oklahoma City, Okla., and attended the University of Oklahoma where she met her future husband Irving. They were married July 25, 1942. After moving to Grinnell in 1948, she worked for several photographers before starting her own business, Portraits by Sara, in Newton in 1970. During her career, she served as president of the Professional Photographers of Iowa as well as president of Heart of America Professional Photographers, a four-state association, receiving a national award from each of the organizations, an accomplishment that only 40 other people have achieved. She also was involved in volunteer projects in both Grinnell and Newton.

She retired and closed her studio in Newton in December, 2005.

She is survived by two daughters, Elaine Fishman Sherp of Dallas, Texas, and Paula Jeanne Rosenstein of Corpus Christi, Texas; five grandchildren and one great granddaughter. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Irving.