

## Marian E. Dunham

Marian E. Dunham, 89, of Grinnell died Thursday, July 17, 2008, at Mayflower Health Care Center.

A memorial service will be held Monday, July 28, at 3 p.m. in the Carman Center at Mayflower. Memorial contributions may be made to the Greater Poweshiek County Foundation to benefit Stewart Library. On-line condolences may be submitted to the Dunham family at [www.smithsh.com](http://www.smithsh.com).



The daughter of Egbert and Harriet Grinnell Dunham, she was born Feb. 10, 1919, on the family farm northeast of Grinnell where she was raised and began her career as an avid reader. She graduated from Grinnell High School and from Grinnell College in 1942. She earned the Master of Library Science degree from the University of Denver, Denver, Colo.

She worked at libraries in Clinton and Waterloo prior to returning to Grinnell to serve as librarian at Stewart Library for 22 years. She then served as a librarian in the Des Moines Public Library system for 19 years, after which she retired to Grinnell to live.

Library work for her was an avocation as well as a vocation. The varied activities of her life included club memberships, world travels, concert attendance, card collecting and volunteer work, all of which reflect her keen interest in literature, history, community service, church and family. She printed a compilation for family members of her grandfather's Civil War letters. She researched and assembled in notebooks genealogical accounts. The exacting Marian enjoyed using humor in her original verse. In daily life, she sometimes cut, sometimes mended, with her quirky wit.

She leaves her surviving family bereft. She was preceded in death by her parents.

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Services are pending at Smith Funeral Home.