

## Mary A. Hautekeete

Mary A. Hautekeete, 92, of Grinnell died Wednesday, March 26, 2008, at Windsor Manor.



A funeral service was held Saturday, March 29, at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Len Eberhart, pastor of Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Pallbearers were Ralph Billick, Craig, Keith, Kenny and Robert Jackson and Franklin McDonald. Honorary bearers were Danny Jackson, James McDonald and Bobby and Dale Williams. Burial was in Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcom. Memorials may be made to the Mary Hautekeete Memorial Fund.

The daughter of Benjamin LeRoy and Alice May Shannon Jackson, she was born Nov. 1, 1915, on a farm in Hickory Grove Township west of Newburg. She attended rural schools in Minnesota and the Malcom area and later attended Malcom High School.

On Sept. 7, 1935, she was united in marriage with Alfons Ernest Hautekeete at a family member's home in Butler County. The couple farmed near Malcom for 21 years and following the death of her husband in 1973, she moved to Grinnell. She was a homemaker who took pride in raising her family and taking care of her home. She was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Malcom Study Club and Iowa Decorative Painters.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, the focal point of her life. She also enjoyed playing cards, crocheting, knitting and bird watching. Later in her life she developed a passion for painting. She was proud of her work and enjoyed giving art work to family members and friends.

She is survived by her daughters and son, Anna Stone of Colorado, Springs, Colo., Arlene Reimers of Malcom, Fern Reimers of Columbia City, Ind., and Richard Hautekeete of Marengo; two brothers, Wilbur Jackson of Gilman and Benjamin Jackson of Cresco; two sisters Frances Langhoff of Albuquerque, N.M., and Agnes Williams of Eldora; 14 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren and six great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband; one son Alfons Ernest Hautekeete Jr.; one grandson Timothy Stone; one brother Frank Jackson and two sisters, Opal McDonald and Dorothy Jackson.

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