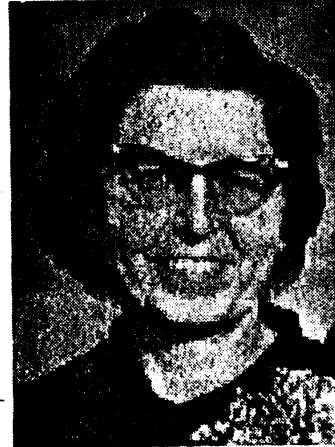


## Idella Christena Dutoit Cleppe

A funeral mass was held Thursday morning, Sept. 14, at St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Victor for Idella Christena Cleppe, 74, of Victor who died Monday morning, Sept. 11, 2000, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center in Grinnell. The Rev. Richard Okumu, pastor of the church, officiated.

The lector was Dan Kurovski and Nick and Pat Blomme were altar servers. Marilyn Kriegel was the organist, and hymns were "Amazing Grace," "Be Not Afraid," "Jesus, Our Living Bread," "Song of Farewell" and "How Great Thou Art."

Pallbearers were Brent Cleppe, Cory Cleppe, Kevin Votrobeck, Charlie Votrobeck, Matt Beran and Ben Beran. Honorary bearers were Shellie Votrobeck, Deanna Votrobeck, Stephanie Beran, Christin Beran, D.J. Cordano, Bradley Cleppe, Becky Cleppe, Shaun Cleppe and Amber Robertson. Interment was in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Tama.



The daughter of Charles Howard and Christena Dorothea Jessen Dutoit, Idella was born Oct. 8, 1925, in Toledo and grew up in rural Tama County. She attended Howard #9 country school and was a 1945 graduate of Toledo High School. She taught rural school for three years, and was later employed as a switchboard operator in Tama.

Idella was married to Edward A. Cleppe on Feb. 6, 1950, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Tama. The couple farmed near Tama and she stayed at home to raise her family and assist in the farm operations.

In 1972, she began working as a nurse's aide at Brookhaven, and later she was employed as a cook with the HLV School District.

She was a member of St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Victor and a member of St. Bridget's Altar and Rosary Society, where she served as secretary and treasurer for 10 years. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary since 1950, and had accumulated 1800 volunteer hours at the V.A. Hospital in Iowa City.

Her parents, an infant son, Albert, a grandson, Brian Cleppe, and an infant brother preceded her in death.

Survivors include her husband, Edward, of Victor; four children, John of Belle Plaine, Maxine Votrobeck of Elberon, Ruth Beran of Victor and David of St. Petersburg, Fla; 15 grandchildren, Brent and Cory Cleppe, Kevin, Shellie, Deanna and Charles Votrobeck, Matthew, Benjamin, Stephanie and Christin Beran, D.J. Cordano, Bradley Cleppe, Amber Robertson, and Rebecca and Shaun Cleppe; five great-grandchildren, Jadie and Lane Votrobeck and Brenden, Colton and Danae Cleppe; and one sister, Rachel Mae Butler of Montour.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Idella Cleppe Memorial Fund. Smith Funeral Home of Victor was in charge of arrangements.

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