

Alma Gill

(ANTHONY)

Alma Florence Gill, 91, of Grinnell died Sunday, Aug. 16, At St. Francis Manor.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with the Rev. William Reynolds officiating. Music was provided by organist Kyle Szary and members of St. Mary's Choir. Pallbearers were Tony and Steve Gill, Dave and Duane Swihart, and Bob and Bill Jones. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The daughter of Joseph and Flora Barkman Speckner, she was born Aug. 20, 1906, in Seymour, Ind., where she was raised and educated.

She was married to Anthony Gill Aug. 27, 1924, in Grinnell, and the couple farmed in the Barrett community near Laurel. They retired in 1970 and moved to Grinnell. Mrs. Gill had been a resident of St. Francis Manor since November 1996.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Altar and Rosary Society. She was a charter member of the Barrett Homemakers Club and a volunteer at St. Francis Manor.

Surviving are three children, Bill of Kellogg, Dorothy Swihart of Baxter and Jane Jones of Clemons; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; three sisters, Inez Schrenk, Reova Speckner and Sarah Mehlin; and four brothers, Lee, John, Alpha and Willard Speckner.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church.

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