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Funeral services for Mr. Higdon were held Saturday, July 5 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell with the Rev. William H. Reynolds officiating. Organist was Kyle Szary, accompanied by the St. Mary's Choir. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell. Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell handled arrangements.

The son of Louis E. and Catherine A. Devereux Higdon, Joseph was born January 4, 1917, in Grinnell. He attended rural schools near his home and later the Des Moines Academy in Des Moines. He

farmed in the Grinnell area until 1941, and then moved to Mt. Pleasant. He had been a resident of Diamond Life Care Facility since 1960. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Sister Mary Annette Higdon.

Survivors include three brothers, James, Frank and John Higdon, all of Grinnell and three sisters, Sister Mary Louise Higdon of Clinton; Elizabeth Goreham of West Des Moines; and Mildred Schmitz of Rockwell City.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice and/or St. Mary's Catholic Church.

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