

## Helen M. Lacina

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May 13, 1996*  
Helen M. Lacina, 81, of Grinnell died of a stroke Thursday, May 9 at St. Francis Manor.

The funeral mass was celebrated Monday morning at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Anthony G. Farrell officiating. Music was provided by members of St. Mary's Choir and organist Pat Shaw. Pallbearers were Dave Coons, Steve Harris, Eric Pederson, Sean Piesinger, Richard Shaw and Frances Upah.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Francis Manor.

She was the daughter of Van and Vlasty Klima Balleun and was born July 1, 1914, near Haven. She attended school at Chelsea and graduated from Toledo High School. She later received a teaching certificate from Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, and taught rural school near Chelsea.

She was married to Floyd K. Lacina June 15, 1936, in Chelsea. They lived on a farm north of Grinnell, moving to Grinnell in 1986.

Mrs. Lacina was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Altar and Rosary Society. She was also a member of the Chester Grange, the Grinnell Regional Medical Center Auxiliary, Just-a-Mere Club and Beta Omicron of Beta Sigma Phi. She also served as a 4-H leader.

Surviving are her husband; two sons, Sam of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Tom of Grinnell; one daughter, Ruth Piesinger of Phoenix, Ariz., and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Kenneth; two sisters, Rose Upah and Agnes Musel; and two brothers, Charles and Stanley Balloun.