

Gertrude Thompson

Gertrude Austin Thompson, 90, of Grinnell died Wednesday, June 10, at Friendship Manor.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. David Bowman, pastor of the United Church of Christ-Congregational, officiating. Committal services were conducted Monday at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, Calif.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Research Center or to the United Church of Christ-Congregational's visitation fund.

The daughter of Charles Frederick and Priscilla Clancy Friend, she was born Sept. 28, 1901, in Chicago. She received her B.S. degree from the University of Illinois and an M.S. from the University of Chicago.

She was married to Merrill R. Austin in 1923, and the couple lived in Chicago. During World War II she was head of the War Food Administration for the Midwest and later was director of the American Institute of Baking in Chicago. Mr. Austin died in 1944, and she moved to California in 1951. She was director of advertising and consumer affairs for the Sunkist Company of Los Angeles.

She was married to Harlan H. Thompson, and he died in 1984. Mrs. Thompson had lived in Grinnell since 1984.

She was a member of the United Church of Christ-Congregational in Laguna Niguel, Calif.; Alpha Xi Delta; the American Dieticians Association, of which she was past president; and the Home Economics and Business Association, which she also had served as president.

Surviving are one daughter, Marion A. Jones of Grinnell, and three grandsons. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands; and one brother, Borden Friend.

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