



## Mary Theresa "Tess" Grimes

October 13, 1926 - July 12, 2017

Mary Theresa "Tess" Grimes, age 90, of Albia, passed away on Wednesday, July 12, 2017, at the Monroe Care Center in Albia surrounded by her family.

Tess was born on October 13, 1926, in Weller, Iowa to William Martin and Mary Ann (Bingaman) Flahive. She grew up and graduated from the Lovilia High School with the class of 1945. In November, 1946 she married Emmett Grimes, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lovilia. To this union four children were born, Bob, Kathy, John and Barb. They shared 34 years of marriage before Emmett's passing in 1981.

Tess worked in Des Moines as a file clerk for an insurance company. After marrying Emmett she stayed home to raise her family. She then took a job working at Chamberlain's before going to work for Hy-Vee in the bakery until her retirement. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lovilia, before becoming a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia then later became a member at St. Anthony's Church in Knoxville for six years. She served on the Altar and Rosary Society for all 3 of the churches. Tess would bring communion to the sick who were unable to attend church. She loved to sew and was a very talented seamstress. She enjoyed playing canasta with her card club, being outdoors, gardening, canning, dancing and entertaining guests with Emmett on Sunday evenings. Her real joy in life was spending time with her family and friends.

Tess is survived by her three children, Bob (Beverly) Grimes of Agency, MO, Kathy (Steve) Herwehe of Cedar Rapids, and Barb (Joe) Crall of Albia; 11 grandchildren, Matthew (Jennifer) Grimes, James (Marissa) Grimes, Joe Herwehe, Scott (Amy) Herwehe, Tom (Amy) Herwehe, Steven (Lindsey) Grimes, Katie Nichols, Molly (Neal) Mick, Ryan (Rachel) Crall, Nick Crall, Meghan Crall and 15 great grandchildren. Tess is also survived by four sisters, Marjorie (Edward) Martin of Cave Creek, AZ, Florence (Donald) Welch of Winterset, Catherine (Jack) Thomas of San Marcos, CA, Delores Littlejohn of West Des Moines, a brother, Jim (Diane) Flahive of Albia, many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Emmett Grimes; her parents, William and Mary Ann, a son, John Grimes; a grandson, Chris; three brothers Edward, William and John Flahive, and four sisters, Madeline Stanley, Jo Ann Derby and Bernice Flattery and Geraldine Grimes.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, July 17, 2017 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, with Father Michael E. Volkmer C.P.P.S., Father Mark Yates C.P.P.S. and Father Kevin Anstey officiating. Burial will follow services at St. Mary's Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Sunday, July 16, 2017 at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Tess's family present throughout the day and evening to greet family and friends. A 4:00 p.m. rosary will be led by St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society and a wake service will be held at 6:00 p.m.

A memorial has been established to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 16. 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

## Rosary

JUL 16. 4:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
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## Wake Service

JUL 16. 6:00 PM (CT)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

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JUL 17. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
730 Benton Ave W  
Albia, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Theresa "Tess" Grimes*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Mary Theresa "Tess" Grimes*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Mary Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mary Theresa "Tess" Grimes*



**Mary Taylor** - July 15, 2017 at 07:52 PM

CR

“ My parents, Therese and Robert Robinson, were good friends with Emmett (Emo). My dad took the death of Emmett very, very hard. After my fathers passing, my mother and Mary Theresa "Tess" would spend a lot of time together. I remember driving on several occasions and we went out to eat and various functions. My mother had to have surgery and her recovery effected her ability to spend time with Tess. Tess was in Knoxville for awhile and then came back to Albia. They were able to talk on the phone.

*I enjoyed being able to make them both laugh with a joke. Since both their names were Therese and Theresa, they were "Tess and Tess". I know my mother will miss her best friend.*

*I know the world lost a great person, sister, mother, and friend. But as I told Kathy, when you get all the Flahive's and Grimes' together, there will be a good bunch of stories and much laughter all around. They are all missed, but well remembered.*

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**Carl Robinson** - July 15, 2017 at 01:06 PM

BS

“ Oh my sweet Aunt Tess. You were my second mom. We were so fortunate as kids to have spent every Sunday at Grandpa and Grandma Grimes' which brought us all together. I loved being at your house and being with you. You were always good to me. I know you are in Heaven with Emmett, Johnny, your parents, Dad, Mom, Dar, your siblings and relatives. Oh I can only imagine the time you all will be having. God bless you Aunt Tess. May you rest in God's arms and love. Love you with all my heart. Bev (Grimes) Selby

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**Beverly Selby** - July 12, 2017 at 10:49 PM

VS

“ I loved Tess! Always enjoyed talking with her! What an AWESOME lady! Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers!

Valerie Selby Small - July 12, 2017 at 09:12 PM

CB

“ Our deepest sympathy to the entire Grimes family. I met "Tess" a couple of times through Kathy and she always had a swee smile on her face! Such an elegant lady. God Bless.

Carolán & Charlie

Carolán & Charles Brooks - July 12, 2017 at 08:41 PM

CB

“ Carolán & Charles Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mary Theresa "Tess" Grimes



Carolán & Charles Brooks - July 12, 2017 at 08:28 PM

MD

“ Our condolences to Barb, Joe, Ryan and all family of Theresa. --- Marty, Jessie and Family

Marty Diaz - July 12, 2017 at 06:06 PM

PS

“ *Rest in Peace Theresa . I will always  
remember your smiling face. Pauline MCGinn  
Steinbach Des Moines Iowa .*



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**Pauline Mcginn Steinbach** - July 12, 2017 at 05:58 PM