

Virginia Heintz

Jan. 21, 1920, to Dec. 28, 2001

Virginia "Toots" Heintz, 81, of Nevada, died of heart failure on Friday, Dec. 28, at Rolling Green Village in Nevada, where she had been a resident since October of 1999.

She was born Jan. 21, 1920, in Story County to John and Ruby (Strain) McDonald. She graduated from Graettinger High School in 1937 and was the 1937 basketball captain of the All County Team. She married Merrill M. Heintz on Jan. 8, 1942, in Nevada. She was a homemaker and also was employed by Dr. Richard Mordaunt and Mary Greeley Medical Center. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, church circle, Shipley Ladies Aid and Shipley 500 Club. She enjoyed sewing, playing cards, traveling, spending time with family, square dancing and watching sports.

Survivors include her husband, Merrill of Nevada; four daughters, Kay Dayton of Ankeny, Joan Heintz of Nevada, Mary Hathaway and Theresa Samson, both of Ames; a son, Mark Heintz, of Nevada; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; four sisters, Betty Miller of Emmetsburg, Kate Mammen and Eloise Heller, both of Graettinger, and Jane Johnson of Portland, Ore.; and two brothers, Carroll "Todd" McDonald of Astoria, Wash., and Dave "Peg" McDonald of Seaside, Ore.

She is preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, three brothers and a great-grandson.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 2, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Nevada with Father Jim Hayes officiating. Burial followed in the St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established. Chet Ryan Mortuary, Nevada, handled arrangements.