Zella G. Parker

Zella Garwood Parker, 96, of Lakewood, Colo., formerly of Grinnell, died Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at Holly Heights Nursing Home in Lakewood.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, March 16, at Olinger’s Crown Hill Chapel in Denver, Colo., with Bishop Michael Pence officiating. The invocation was by her grandson, Donald Parker; the eulogy by her granddaughter Julia Finn; and the benediction by her great granddaughter Heidi Hancock. Pallbearers were her grandsons Todd Walton, Donald Parker and Michael Parker and her great grandson, James Finn. Interment was in Fort Logan Cemetery.

She was born Jan. 17, 1914, in Vinton, the daughter of Kirk and Bertha Garwood. She was united in marriage with Murray Parker on June 17, 1932, in Montezuma. They lived and worked in the Grinnell area, later moving to Eldora where they were on the staff of the Iowa State Training School for Boys. In 1958 they moved to Lakewood, Colo., where they were associated with the Clayton College for Boys.

She is survived by her daughters, Barbara Walton and Sherry Maloney; ten grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren; and 12 great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Murray and her son Gary.