

Ethel 'Sally' Brierly



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Ethel "Sally" Brierly, 81, of the Mayflower Community died Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2010, at Mayflower Health Care Center.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Grinnell with the Rev. Len Eberhart, pastor of the church, and Diane Eberhart, deacon of the church, officiating. Organist will be Kathleen Heffner. Interment will be in St. Andrew's Cemetery, rural Sully.

She was born Dec. 30, 1928, in Akron, Ohio, the daughter of Orville and Helen Parsons Fullen. She was raised in Akron, graduating from Cuyahoga Falls High School with the Class of 1947, then earning the bachelor of arts degree in education from the University of Akron.

On Aug. 17, 1954, she was united in marriage with Robert Brierly in Akron. They resided in Des Moines, later moving to Carlisle. She was a homemaker and also a teacher in Des Moines and Carlisle school districts. Following retirement, the Brierlys moved to the Rock Creek community, rural Grinnell, before moving to the Mayflower Community where they have resided for the past year.

She was a member of the Grinnell Historical and Literary Society, the Kellogg Garden Club, Rock Creek Lake Alliance and the Grinnell United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, David Brierly of Des Moines and Thomas Brierly of Orlando, Fla.; one daughter, Rebecca Barnes of Alexandria, Va.; five grandchildren; and one sister, Shirley Jenkins of Kent, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents.

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