

Mrs. Blair, 102, ^{3/15} Dies In Colorado ₇₀

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Sarah Jane Blair, 102, one of Grinnell's long-time residents, Saturday morning in Windsor, Colo.

Mrs. Blair, with her daughter, Mrs. Helen Hammond, had been in Windsor for six months, where Mrs. Blair had recovered from a broken hip in the Eventide Nursing Home.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday in the United Church of Christ-Congregational.

Contributions, if desired, may be made to the Grinnell General Hospital or the United Church of Christ-Congregational.

Last Rites Said ^{3/19} For Mrs. Blair ₇₀

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. today (Thursday, March 19) at the United Church of Christ Congregational for Mrs. C. A. (Sarah Jane) Blair, 102, who died Saturday morning in Windsor, Colo.

The Rev. Newell E. Davis, minister of the church, officiated. Organist was Norman Goodbrod. Pall bearers were Henry Alden, Howard Edwards, William M. Gossen, Robert McMeekin, S. D. Preston and Gerald Sampson.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge.

The daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Michael Myers, Mrs. Blair was born May 19, 1867, the seventh of 11 children, her parents were early settlers of the Grandriver township in Madison County, Iowa, and her father was a native of Rockingham County, Va. Mrs. Blair's mother died when she was seven years of age but her father kept the family together.

Mrs. Blair had a twin brother, a Congregational minister, of Pomona, Calif., who died there in 1955. Mrs. Blair was the last surviving member of her family.

After teaching for two years, she married Charles Alexander Blair, a pharmacist in Creston, Iowa, in 1888. The couple lived in southern Iowa and later in Cherokee before moving to Grinnell in 1910.

Four children were born to the couple—Mrs. Mabel Macy of Windsor, Colo., Mrs. Helen Hammond of Grinnell, Alexander Blair of LaHaba, Calif., and Mark Blair, who died in 1943.

Mr. Blair died in 1948, having been active in the mercantile and real estate businesses until shortly before his death. After his death, Mrs. Hammond moved in with her mother in the family home in Grinnell until last September when Mrs. Blair fell and broke a hip.

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Mrs. Blair studied art and painting in Cherokee but turned her interests to writing poetry after moving to Grinnell. She took several correspondence courses and studied until her eyesight failed. A number of her poems have appeared in various publications during these years and a small collection, "Nuggets of Thought," was printed by her grandson and his father, Blair and Roscoe Macy of Windsor, Colo. Each year she wrote a sonnet at Christmas and birthday time and had been working on the poem for her approaching birthday at the time of her death.

During her life in Grinnell, Mrs. Blair had been a member of the Congregational (United Church of Christ) Church for more than 50 years and has been a member of Chapter BM of PEO, the Drummond Club, Thursday Club and the Iowa Historical Society.

Survivors in addition to her three children are one grandson, Blair Macy; three granddaughters—Mrs. E. R. (Julie) Mullins of Grinnell, Mrs. Patricia Isham of San Rafael, Calif., and Mrs. Nancy Robbins of Westlake Village, Calif.; and nine great-grandchildren.