

Thursday, November 24, 1983

## MS Clara Breniman dies at 108

Clara L. Breniman, 108, 95 Fourth Avenue, Grinnell, one of Iowa's oldest citizens, died Sunday evening, Nov. 20, 1983, at the Senior Home at Montezuma.

She was the daughter of Gottlieb and Barbara Strasser Breniman and was born on a farm near Brooklyn Oct. 20, 1875. She attended the rural schools near the family farm.

She moved to Des Moines in 1900 and was a seamstress for many years, then cared for her father until his death in 1940. At this time she moved to Springfield, Mo., to be near her sister until coming to Grinnell to make her home in 1972.

She was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church.

Miss Breniman is survived by a sister: Mrs. Ethel LaRosa, St. Petersburg, Fla. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services for Clara Breniman will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Douglas P. Harding, associate pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Organist will be Mrs. Kathleen Heffner. Pallbearers will be Delmar Adkins, George E. Adkins, Lee Adkins, and James Powell. Burial will be in the IOOF Cemetery at Brooklyn. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Grinnell United Methodist Church and left at the Smith Funeral Home, where friends may call.

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Clara Louise Breniman, 108, Poweshiek County's oldest citizen and believed to be the second oldest person in Iowa, died Sunday evening at the Montezuma Senior Home.

Funeral services are pending at the Smith Funeral

Home, where friends may call.

Miss Breniman was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church.

She is survived by one sister, Ethel LaRosa of St. Petersburg, Fla.