

Mabel Burch services held

Mabel Burch, 91, of 619 Reed St., Grinnell, died Wednesday, Dec. 24, at Marshalltown Manor.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Philip J. Ramstad, pastor of the United Church of Christ-Congregational, officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner, and pallbearers were David Burch, John Burch, Larry Burch, Travis Kuefner, Curt Strawser, Mark Strawser and Steve Strawser.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorials in Mrs. Burch's name may be made to the Grinnell Senior Citizens Center, in care of the Smith Funeral Home.

The daughter of Louis and Sophie Johnson Ostman, she

was born on Oct. 15, 1895, at Kewanee, Ill. She attended school in Kewanee.

She was married to Arthur Burch, and the couple farmed near Grinnell. Mr. Burch died in 1947 and she worked as a cook in Grinnell-area restaurants and at DeLong Sportswear Co. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Ruth Miller of Marshalltown; two sons, Beverly Burch of Grinnell and Don Burch of Ankeny; 13 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Paul; one daughter, Irene Burch; her husband; one sister, Ruby Berry; and one brother, Walton Ostman.