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## Delphena Durr dies at 87; services held

Delphena Durr, 87, the widow of Arthur Durr, died at Grinnell General Hospital early Monday morning, June 5.

Funeral services for Delphena Durr were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 7, at the Smith Funeral Home's Eastside facility, with the Rev. Morris Hay, pastor of the Hickory Grove Church officiating.

Pallbearers were Ronald Benson, Ronald Durr, Bill Gilbreath, Rex Murphy,

Harry Schumacher, and Russell Rose. Burial was in Rock Creek Cemetery.

Born west of Grinnell on Jan. 21, 1891, she was the daughter of Samuel and Orilla Clapp Decatur. She attended rural school near her family's farm.

On Nov. 11, 1911, she married Arthur Durr in Kellogg. The couple had one son, Leroy, and five daughters, Irene, Thelma, Gladys, Lucille, and Bette. The couple farmed in Rock Creek Township for 44 years before her husband's death in 1955. She came to Grinnell to live in 1960, and moved to Friendship Manor in 1970.

She is survived by her children, Leroy of rural Grinnell, Mrs. Glenn (Irene) Sparks of Topock, Ariz., Mrs. Leland (Thelma) Taylor of rural Grinnell, Mrs. Ronald (Gladys) Benson of rural Grinnell, Mrs. Earl (Lucille) Yanecek of Cedar Rapids, and Mrs. Bette Anderson of Anaheim, Calif.; and 16 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; five brothers, George, Lawrence, Herbert, William, and Clarence; and two sisters, Mrs. Will (Mabel) Tesser and Althea Decatur.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Rock Creek Cemetery and left at the Smith Funeral Home.