

# Mrs. Joanna Harris Haines Passes Away Monday Morning

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Funeral of Pineer Resident of This Community  
Will Be Held at 6:30 o'Clock This Evening  
from Congregational Church.

A life intertwined in a peculiarly intimate manner with the early history of Grinnell and of Grinnell college, reached its close when Mrs. Joanna Harris Haines passed away at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning. Mrs. Haines had been in failing health for some time but the many who loved and honored her were still hopeful that her life might be spared for a time to the community to which it has been a benediction and a blessing. She would have been eighty-eight years old if she had lived until next November 24th.

Funeral services will be held at the Congregational church tonight at 6:30 o'clock.

Joanna Harris was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Capt. and Mrs. James A. Harris. In her girlhood the family moved to Iowa and after two years in Farmington, moved to Grinnell in March, 1855, before Joanna was 12 years old. The old Harris home was the farm northwest of town now occupied by Russell Baggs and the wedding of Joanna Harris and R. M. Haines was solemnized under one of the trees on the lawn.

There was a large family in the Harris home. One of the brothers was Dr. E. H. Harris, father of Dr. C. E. Harris, formerly of Grinnell and now of Woodmen, Colo. The members of this family have all showed the sterling qualities which make for success and esteem. In these surroundings Joanna Harris grew to womanhood, evincing the mental alertness and interest in the affairs of the community which marked her all through life. She attended Grinnell college and graduated in the class of 1865. One of her classmates was Robert M. Haines, a brilliant young man of whom great things were justly expected. After graduation she and Mr. Haines both taught in Troy academy in Davis county. The friendship of college days tripped into love and they were married August 19, 1867, forming an ideal companionship which was broken only by the death of Mr. Haines on Dec. 22, 1902. Mrs. Haines was a natural teacher and continued in the work she loved after her marriage, teaching in the college



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academy and also later in Grinnell high school. While she was engaged in this work her earnings supplemented the family exchequer while her husband was taking his law course in the University of Iowa.

Seven children, five sons and two daughters, were born to this happy union. One son died in infancy. Two others R. M. Haines, Jr., and Austin P. Haines, preceded their mother in death. The surviving sons are Dr. J. H. Haines of Stillwater, Minn., and Charles H. Haines, a lawyer, of Denver, Colo. The daughters are Mrs. F. I. Herriott of Des Moines and Mrs. W. G. Ray of Grinnell.

For many years Mrs. Haines has been an object lesson in growing old gracefully. The alertness of her mind was always a distinguishing characteristic and did not lessen as the years rested more heavily upon her. When the celebration of Grinnell's seventy-fifth anniversary was held in 1929, it was a great pleasure to her and also to the whole community that she was able to take a prominent part

(Robert  
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