

(John M.)

Bethine Hurd

Bethine Lavonne Hurd, 89, of Grinnell died Friday, Aug. 6, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Carman Center of the Mayflower, with the Rev. Del Dawes of the Grinnell United Methodist Church officiating. Pianist will be Alice Renaud. A private family burial at Hazelwood Cemetery will precede the memorial service. There will be no visitation.

She was the daughter of Franklin John and Martha Jane Garner Loney and was born Oct. 28, 1909, in Sioux City. She was raised by a great aunt in Loup City, Neb., before returning to Smithland, Iowa, where she graduated from high school.

She attended Iowa State Teachers College during the summers and taught rural school in Smithland before earning her B.A. in education from the University of Northern Colorado at Greeley. She returned to Smithland and taught for five years. She later taught for four years in Ida Grove and 17 years in the Sioux City school system.

She was married to Dr. John M. Hurd July 9, 1954. They lived in Schleswig. Her husband, a veterinarian, then entered government service as a meat inspector, and the couple spent time in Worthington and Wilmar, Minn., as well as in Des Moines. She taught at all three locations.

Following her husband's death in 1970, she returned to Sioux City. While teaching there, she was honored for her work with the English as a Second Language program. She came to Grinnell in the early 1990s to be near her niece, Jackie Halverson. She was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church Chapter JB of PEO and the Retired Teachers Association.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Loneta Strifert, Ione Hall and Florene Loney; and two half-brothers, Franklin and Wallace Loney.

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