

Julia W. Luke (WALTER)

Julia W. Luke, 85, of Grinnell died Sunday, Feb. 15, at the Mayflower Health Care Center.

A memorial service was conducted Thursday at the Carman Center of the Mayflower. Her body was to be donated to the University of Iowa College of Medicine. Burial will be at a later date in Hampton.

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The daughter of the Rev. Harold and Jesse May Woodruffe Lamb, she was born April 22, 1912, in Keystone, S.D. She was raised in the Urbandale and Des Moines area and was a 1929 graduate of Des Moines North High School. She received her B.A. degree from Grinnell College in 1933 and had completed some graduate work at the University of Colorado at Boulder and the University of Northern Iowa.

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She was a high school English teacher and had taught in districts in Mt. Ayr, Geneva, Latimer and Hampton. She retired in 1977 and moved to the Mayflower in 1983.

She was married to Dr. Edward D. Allen in 1942 in Trenton, Mo., and, following his death in 1995, was married to Walter B. Luke in 1977 in Hampton. He died the following year.

Mrs. Luke was a member of the Grinnell United Church of Christ - Congregational, the League of Women Voters, the National Education Association, the Iowa State Education Association and the Retired Teachers Association. She was a former president of the Church Women United in Grinnell and was active with Habitat for Humanity, the Iowa Peace Institute and the Democratic Party.

Surviving are one daughter, Kathryn Graybill of Tucson, Ariz.; one son, David Allen of Pittsburgh; one stepdaughter, Jean Thomson of Emporia, Kan.; one stepson, Robert Allen of Walnut Creek, Calif.; two brothers, Robert Lamb of Urbandale and William Lamb of Houston; three sisters, Elizabeth Hamilton of Urbandale, Dorothy Baxter of Chicago and Mary Brown of Washington, D.C.; and one grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents, both husbands and one stepson, John Allen.

Memorial contributions may be made to the United Church of Christ - Congregational, Habitat for Humanity, Grinnell College and the Mayflower.