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Services Saturday For Mrs. McBlain

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Mrs. A. W. McBlain, 99, a resident of Grinnell until June of 1964, died Wednesday at the health center at the Heritage House in Atlantic. She would have celebrated her 100th birthday Sept. 11.

Mrs. McBlain was born Sept. 11, 1869, in a log cabin in Jasper County, the middle child in a family of 11 children. She graduated from the State Normal College at Cedar Falls in 1894 and taught school before and after graduating from college.

On Feb. 10, 1897 she married the Rev. Alexander William McBlain. Mr. McBlain served 50 years as a pastor in the old Iowa Conference. Mrs. McBlain was an ordained local elder in the Methodist church.

In 1912 the couple moved to Grinnell where Mr. McBlain served 10 years as a supply pastor at the Bethel Church. Mr. McBlain died Dec. 6, 1957, the year the couple celebrated their 60th

wedding anniversary. After her husband's death, Mrs. McBlain continued to live in the couple's home at 1008 West St. until June, 1964.

Survivors include one daughter - Mrs. M. S. Kirkpatrick of Grand Rapids, Mich.; one son, the Rev. Robert A. McBlain of Atlantic; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

Mrs. McBlain was preceded in death by her husband and one son, Wallace, in 1930.

Funeral services for Mrs. McBlain will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at the First United Methodist Church in Grinnell with the Rev. J. Eugene Young officiating. The Rev. Bruce Kirkpatrick, Mrs. McBlain's grandson, a minister in Valparaiso, Ind., will bring the meditation.

Pallbearers will be Donald DeWitt, Kenneth DeWitt, Raymond DeWitt, David McBlain, John McBlain and Philip McBlain.

Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Smith Funeral Home has charge of the services.