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Jeanie Nelson
services today

Jeanie Nelson, 88, of Grinnell died Monday morning at Friendship Manor.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. today at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Daniel Ogata, pastor of the Grinnell First United Presbyterian Church, officiating. Organist was Alice Renaud. Pallbearers were Melvin Beck, John Lippincott, Dale Nelson, Gregory Nelson, Kenneth Nelson, Ronald Nelson and Charles Smith. Burial was at Prairie View Cemetery, Gilman.

The daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Smith Carroll, she was born July 29, 1891, in County Antrim, Ireland. She came to the United States at the age of 16 and settled in the Gilman area.

On Feb. 11, 1909, she was married to Selmar Nelson at Marshalltown. The couple farmed near Gilman and later moved to the Brooklyn area. Mr. Nelson died in 1941, and two years later Mrs. Nelson moved into Brooklyn. She lived in California with her daughter for five years and later spent 15 years in Marshalltown before moving to Grinnell in 1963.

She was a member of the Grinnell First United Presbyterian Church and was also a 50-year member of the Rebekah Lodge in Gilman and Brooklyn. She was past noble grand of the Gilman lodge.

Survivors include her children, Elmer LeRoy Nelson of Malcom, Mrs. Charles (Mildred Mae) Smith of Grinnell, Mrs. Howard (Verna Marie) Dodge of Sacramento, Calif., Carroll (Kelly) Nelson of Newton, and Mrs. Dale (Helen Geanette) Lippincott of Brooklyn; 19 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two infant sons, and eight brothers and sisters.