

Opal M. Nelson



1968. Mrs. Nelson worked as secretary to the dean of students at Grinnell College and later as a library assistant at Burling Library. She retired in 1975.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church here and the Isabelle Brand Guild.

Surviving are two daughters, Kathryn A. Nelson of Davenport and June Fike of Valley Center, Kan.; two granddaughters; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and one brother, Robert McCarty.

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H-R May 11, 1992
Opal M. Nelson, 79, of Grinnell died Wednesday, May 6, at St. Francis Manor.

Funeral services were conducted Monday morning at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Robert C. Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Knoxville, and the Rev. Cliff Bevins, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Grinnell, officiating. Organist was James Severe, and vocalist was Milton Severe. Pallbearers were Vern Brooke, Harold Brown, Donovan Evans, LaVerne Morrison, Maynard Raffety and Willard Wells.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Grinnell.

The daughter of Carl Leo and Agnes Robertson McCarty, she was born Sept. 4, 1912, in Concordia, Kan. She graduated from Concordia High School and attended Arkansas State University.

She was married to Harold Nelson June 12, 1938, in Concordia. The couple lived throughout much of the U.S. before moving to Grinnell in