

Rites held for Gladys Ross

H. R. December 4, 1982

(Oral E.)

Gladys P. Ross, 87, of 1531 Elm St., Grinnell, died of an apparent heart attack Saturday, Nov. 29, at her home.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Philip J. Ramstad, pastor of the Grinnell United Church of Christ-Congregational, officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner.

Pallbearers were her grandchildren, Don Hausschildt, Ivan Jensen, Russ Lowe, Michael Mills, Jim Minard, Kenneth Minard, Jim Ross and William Thornburg.

Burial was in the Ames Municipal Cemetery, with rites conducted by members of Grinnell Chapter No. 47, Order of Eastern Star. Memorials in Mrs. Ross's name may be left at the funeral home.

The daughter of Will and Nora Summers Richardson, she was born on Sept. 22, 1899.

at Worthington, Mo. She moved with her family to North English where she attended school.

On Oct. 28, 1917, she was married to Oral Earl Ross at Millersburg. The couple lived in Ames, Cedar Rapids, Valley Junction and Redfield before coming to Grinnell in 1945. While here they operated the Grinnell Riding Academy on the Grinnell College campus.

Mrs. Ross was a member of the Grinnell Saddle Club and the Order of Eastern Star.

She is survived by three sons, Leo L. of Des Moines and Clinton E. and Larry O., both of Cave Creek, Ariz.; one daughter, Donna Spake of West Des Moines; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two daughters, Maxine Minard and Dorothea Wilson; two grandchildren; three sisters, Ione Allen, Marquerite Hatfield and Mildred Jones; and one brother, Early Richardson.