

Homer

Dona Scifers

Dona M. Scifers, 102, of Grinnell died of congestive heart failure Thursday, Jan. 25, at Friendship Manor.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m. Monday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Lon Lewis, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler. Pallbearers were Stan Hawk, Greg, Michael and Marty Minear, and John Pattschull.

Graveside services were at 1 p.m. Saturday at Unionville Cemetery, Unionville, Mo.

She was the daughter of James and Jennie Demry and was born Oct. 1, 1893, in Unionville. She was raised on the family farm and attended rural school.

She was married to Manford L. Noel in Unionville in 1912. The couple farmed near Unionville and later moved to an acreage in town. She was a homemaker, a member of the United Methodist Church and a charter member of the United Methodist Women's Circle.

Mr. Noel died in 1949. On Feb. 8, 1957, she was married to Homer Scifers in Des Moines. The couple lived their until Mr. Scifer's death in 1975. She then moved to Grinnell.

Surviving are two daughters, Thelma Minear of Grinnell and Mary Novak of Chicago; three grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands; two sisters, Pearl Hauser and Doris Starnes; and two brothers, Ray and Tom Demry.