

**Funeral Services 6-11
Held This Afternoon
For Mrs. Sparks**

6-11-1959
Funeral services for Mrs. Rosa Matheny Sparks, who died Monday morning at a local rest home, were held this afternoon at 1:30 at the Smith Funeral Home.

The Rev. Leland Mann, pastor of First Congregational church, officiated at the service. Organist was Mrs. Esther Auman. Pallbearers were Carl Child, Ross Coutts, Russell George, Croft Pilgrim, Ed Speth, and Clair Strand. Burial was in Hazelwood cemetery.

Mrs. Sparks was the widow of William P. Sparks. She was the daughter of Wesley and Martha Slagle Matheny and was born July 7, 1869, in Story county, Iowa. She lived much of her early life near Lynnville and graduated from Granville high school in 1888. She attended Normal College at Oskaloosa and taught school at Kilduff. For 20 years she served as Republican committeewoman.

She was married in Newton in the fall of 1891. She and her husband had one daughter, Miss Theresa Sparks of Grinnell.

W. H. Auman