

## Vega Alice Tharp

Vega Alice Tharp, 88, of Grinnell died Thursday, Dec. 29, at her home.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, Jan. 2, at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Daniel I. Ogata, pastor of the Malcom Presbyterian Church, officiating. Organist was Alice Renaud, and pallbearers were Jettrey, Phillip, Bradley, R. Michael and Gay W. Tharp; Nathan Estal; Jim, Dennis and Edwin Lacina; and Robert Sieck.

Fraternal rites were conducted by members of Rebekah Lodge No. 119, with burial in Hazelwood Cemetery.

The daughter of Joseph and Mary Lacina, she was born Jan. 6, 1906 in Tama County. She attended rural school and was a 1924 graduate of Tama High School. She received her teaching certificate and taught in rural schools in Tama County.

She was married to Jacob Lester Tharp June 24, 1928, in Marshalltown. They lived in Gilman until 1943 when they moved to Grinnell.

Mrs. Tharp taught in Chester Township, the Westfield community, Newburg and, later, Cooper School in Grinnell. She earned her B.A. degree from William Penn College in 1968. She retired in 1971.

She was a member of the Retired Teachers Association and was a 50-year member of the Rebekah Lodge.

Surviving are her children, Lester of Grinnell, Roger of Big Sandy, Texas, and Joyce Estal of Okaloosa; 16 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son, Larry; three brothers, Alfred, Lowell and Edwin Lacina; one sister, Dolores Sieck; and one granddaughter.

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