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Mrs. Van Riper memorial set

Estella E. VanRiper, 97, of the Mayflower Home died Friday, Nov. 25, at the Mayflower Health Care Center where she had lived since 1970.

Graveside services were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday at Lincoln Township Cemetery near Hanlontown. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Denison Chapel of the Mayflower Home, with the Rev. Ben F. Hearn Jr. officiating. Memorials in Mrs. Van Riper's name may be left at the Smith Funeral home, where friends may call for additional information.

The daughter of Edgar E. and Kittie Matilda Rowley Raffety, she was born at Aten, Neb., Oct. 26, 1891. She moved with her family to the Westfield area southwest of Grinnell where she attended rural schools. She was a 1910 graduate of Grinnell High School.

She taught in rural schools near Hanlontown north of Mason City. She was married to Earl J. VanRiper May 29, 1918, at Hanlontown. The couple farmed in the Hanlontown area, coming to the Grinnell area where they farmed. They moved into town in 1943.

Mr. and Mrs. VanRiper moved to California, but Mrs. VanRiper returned to Grinnell following her husband's death in 1968.

She was a member of the United Church of Christ-Congregational and the Neighborhood Community Club.

Surviving are one son, Donald of Oxnard, Calif.; three daughters, Mary Kathryn Wheeler of Edmonds, Wash., Olive Bolen of rural Tama and Sara Jane Kemp of Eugene, Ore.; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Frances Woodard of Des Moines, Bernice Schreiner of Clearwater, Fla., and Helen Gugler of the Mayflower Home; and one brother, Ernest Raffety of Mountain Home, Ark.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two infant sons; two brothers, Lloyd and Clark Raffety; and two sisters, Ethel Kisner and Olive Lincoln.