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Last Rites Said For Ruth Walker

Mrs. Ruth Armstrong Walker, 82, the wife of George H. Walker of the Mayflower Home, died late Thursday afternoon, Feb. 29, at Grinnell General Hospital West.

The daughter of Harry G. and Harriet Dawley Armstrong, Mrs. Walker was born in Grinnell on Feb. 9, 1886. She was graduated from Grinnell high school with the class of 1905 and from Grinnell College with a B.A. degree in 1909. While at Grinnell College she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Mrs. Armstrong possessed a natural talent for music and her interest in this art remained throughout her life. She taught at West Bend and Nevada before her marriage to George H. Walker in Grinnell on Aug. 30, 1911.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker lived in Bussey, Webster City, Iowa City, and Cedar Rapids before returning to Grinnell and the Mayflower Home in 1965. During this period Mr. Walker was a state bank examiner and later was associated with Merchants National Bank in Cedar Rapids. They had made their home in Cedar Rapids for 34 years.

During World War II, Mrs. Walker was active in the Cedar Rapids chapter of the American Red Cross. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Iowa City and was a member of Chapter DX, P.E.O., in Cedar Rapids. She had received her 50-year jewel from P.E.O.

Mrs. Walker was a member of the United Church of Christ-Congregational in Grinnell.

Survivors include her husband George; one sister, Mrs. Fred (May) Laros of Hart, Mich.; and one sister-in-law, Mrs. Amelia Armstrong of Grinnell. Mrs. Walker was one of six children, all of whom preceded her in death except for the sister.

Funeral services for Mrs. Walker were held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Newell E. Davis, pastor of the United Church of Christ-Congregational, and the Rev. Ralph Beebe of the Mayflower Home officiating.

Organist was Miss Ruth Campbell. Honorary pallbearers were William Dreier, Fred Bowersox, Fred Cram, Edson Finley, Harry Mill, Martin Mosher, Elmer Parman, Howard St. Clair, and Clyde C. Tuill.

Burial was in Hazelwood cemetery. Mar 4, 1968

(George H.)