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Memorial for
Irene L. Wells

Memorial services for Mrs. Irene L. Wells, 91, who died July 13 at the Mayflower Health Care Center, will be held at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow (Friday) at the Mayflower Home Chapel.

Conducting the services will be the Rev. Hugh A. Shiveley, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Grinnell, and Mrs. Wells' son, Dr. Ronald V. Wells, president of Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S.D. Pianist will be Ruth Campbell.

Mrs. Wells had made her home at the Mayflower Home since 1959. Prior to Grinnell, she had lived in Cleveland, Ohio, from 1911 to 1933. She was director of dining halls at Denison University, Granville, Ohio, until 1942, and was a supervisor of two dining halls at Iowa State University until 1952.

Through out her life, Mrs.

Wells was active in the Baptist Church and was a member of the Grinnell First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her son; two grandsons, Dr. Robert V. Wells of Schenectady, N.Y., and Dr. David W. Wells of Montreal, Canada; two sisters, Mrs. Martha Forman of the Mayflower Home and Mrs. Mary Nelson of Goldfield, Iowa; and one brother, John M. Leffler of Stockport, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her husband Earl in 1932 and four brothers and two sisters.

Graveside rites for Mrs. Wells were held in Cleveland July 17. Should friends desire, the Ronald V. Wells family has established the Irene L. Wells scholarship at Denison University, Granville, Ohio. Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home for additional information.

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Rites Conducted

Mrs. Irene L. Wells, 91, of the Mayflower Home, died Thursday evening, July 13, 1972, at the Mayflower Health Care Center following failing health the past few years.

The daughter of Andrew J. and Lydia Anne Vale Leffler, Mrs. Wells was born April 2, 1881 at Stockport, Iowa, one of a family of eight children.

On Jan. 1, 1908 at Stockport she was married to Earl H. Wells.

To this union one son was born, Dr. Ronald Vale Wells, president of Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S.Dak.

Mrs. Wells was active in church and women's work in Cleveland, where she was a member of the Baptist Church of the Master from 1911 to 1933. She served one term as president of the Women's Society of the church in the '20s. She was active in the Women's City Club in the same period of time. Subsequently she was a member of the First Baptist Church in Grinnell.

Following special home economics training at Iowa State College, she taught in the high school at Lead, S. Dak., from 1907-08. In 1929, she became assistant director of the cafeteria service at Kirk Junior High School, East Cleveland, Ohio, and later served as director. In September of 1933, she became director of dining halls, Denison University, Granville, Ohio, a position she held until 1942.

(Earl)

In 1942, Mrs. Wells came to Ames to live with her sister, Mrs. L. W. Forman, and to supervise two of the dining hall services at Iowa State, holding this responsibility until 1952. Later she and Mrs. Forman, her sister, came to the Mayflower Home in Grinnell to make their home.

Survivors include her son, Dr. Ronald V. Wells of Sioux Falls; 2 grandsons—Dr. Robert V. Wells of Schenectady, N.Y., and Dr. David W. Wells of Montreal, Canada; 2 sisters—Mrs. Martha Forman and Mrs. Mary Nelson of Goldfield, and one brother, John M. Leffler of Stockport.

Mrs. Wells was preceded in death by her husband, Earl in 1932; and four brothers and two sisters.

Graveside rites for Mrs.

Wells were held 11 o'clock this morning (Monday July 17) at Knollwood Cemetery in Cleveland, Ohio.

Memorial services will be held July 28 at the Mayflower Home Chapel in Grinnell.

The Ronald V. Wells family have established the Irene L. Wells scholarship at Denison University, Granville, Ohio, should friends desire to contribute.