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Verna M. Whitaker, 94, of Grinnell died Sunday, May 7, at Friendship Manor.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Del Copping, superintendent of Friends Churches in Iowa, officiating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler, and pallbearers were Gary Lowry, Terry Lowry, Tom Palmer, Verlin Vos and Dennis, Tom and Tim Whitaker.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Grinnell.

The daughter of David W. and Lougenia Nebergal Whitaker, she was born Jan. 12, 1901, in Killduff. She moved with her family to the Oak Grove community where she was raised and attended school. She was a graduate of Grinnell High School and Capital City Commercial College in Des Moines.

She lived in Los Angeles for several years and returned to Grinnell for health reasons before moving to Oak Park, Ill. She worked as a bookkeeper for Harrison-Brewster Insurance Co. in Chicago until her retirement in 1970, then returned to Grinnell to live with her sister, Nellie Whitaker. She had been a resident of Friendship Manor since May 1989.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Bert, Lee and Rolla; and three sisters, Bessie Donai, Hazel Adams and Nellie Whitaker. Four nieces, Ona Jones, Bessie Palmer, Margaret Morrison and Doris Lowry, live in Grinnell.

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