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Agnes Wood, 101, a resident of Mayflower for 31 years, died Wednesday, Jan. 20, at Mayflower Health Center.

Her body has been donated to medical science at the University of Iowa. Graveside rites will be held later at Traer.

Miss Wood taught home economics for 32 years at Inanda Seminary, a boarding school for young women, in South Africa. She was a lifelong member of Ripley Congregational Church in Traer.

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There are no immediate survivors.

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January 26, 1998

Agnes A. Wood

Agnes Adora Wood, 101, died Jan. 20 at Mayflower Health Center. She had resided at Mayflower since 1965.

Her body has been donated to the College of Medicine at the University of Iowa. A memorial service will be held Thursday, Jan. 29, at 10 a.m. at Mayflower chapel. Interment will be at a later date in Buckingham Cemetery at Traer.

She was born Sept. 2, 1896, on a farm near Traer. She graduated from high school there in 1912, and from what was then Iowa State College at Ames in 1921, having taught in an American Missionary Association school in Provo, Utah from 1918 to 1919. After graduation she taught in Lincoln Normal School in Marion, Ala., from 1921 to 1924, then served as a research assistant at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago from 1926 to 1929.

In 1929 she was appointed as a teacher in Inanda Seminary, a high school for Zulu girls near Durban, South Africa, under the Board of Foreign Missions of the Congregational Church, now a part of the United Church of Christ Board for World Ministries. She served at Inanda for nearly 36 years, teaching home economics and mathematics and as associate principal and general supervisor of the Zulu workman on the campus.

For recreation she rode horseback in the countryside, organizing and managing Sunday schools and on weekdays teaching the women cooking, sewing and homemaking in general. During Apartheid, this had to be a secret activity.

When Miss Wood retired and moved to Mayflower, she was very active, especially in organizing the biographies and records of residents.

She is survived by several cousins, nephews, nieces and their descendants.