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Virginia L. Earp

Virginia L. Earp, 77, of Sully, died Friday, March 14, of viral encephalitis at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service was held Monday, March 17, at Wallace Family Funeral Home in Newton with the Rev. Duane Skidmore, pastor of the Kilduff United Methodist Church, officiating. Private family burial was held prior to the memorial. Memorial gifts may be made to the Kilduff United Methodist Church or to the Gideon Living Memorial Bible and In Honor Plan and left at the funeral home.

She was born Sept. 28, 1925, in Jasper County, the daughter of Fred and Freda Elscott Compton and attended schools in Sully. She lived in the Sully and Kilduff areas throughout her lifetime. She was married Feb. 20, 1943, in Hattiesburg, Miss., to Thomas E. Earp. She was a homemaker and farmer's wife and a member of the Kilduff United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas, of Sully; two sons, Warren of Florence, Texas, and Wyatt, of Osage Beach, Mo.; four daughters, Louise Rorebeck of Ankeny, Diane Earp of Grinnell and Lenis DeCook and Sheila Van Wyk, both of Sully; one adopted daughter, Marcia Learning of Reasnor; 17 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Rhonda; and one sister, Olga Rohrdanz.