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## Ruth Evelyn Taylor



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Ruth Evelyn Taylor, 92, of Grinnell, died Friday, May 20, 2011, at Friendship Manor Care Center in Grinnell.

As per her wishes, cremation was accorded and services will be held at a later date.

Memorials can be designated to the Ruth E. Taylor Memorial Fund and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

The daughter of Martin Hans Paulson and Margaret Mae Elmore, Ruth was born April 24, 1919, west of Grinnell on the Ned Rice farm. She attended Center School #5 in Rock Creek Township and she graduated from Grinnell High School in 1937. She worked at the Grinnell Shoe Factory and at Swift & Company as a comptometer operator and cashier.

On Dec. 24, 1938, she married William Henry Taylor in Savannah, Mo. They moved to a farm west of Montezuma and farmed for 18 years in Jasper and Poweshiek counties. They sold the farm in 1956 and moved to Brooklyn, and then in 1964 to Grinnell where she worked at Friendship Manor, St. Francis Manor and the Mayflower Community, retiring at age 66.

She is survived by her daughters, Jean Evelyn Massengale of Sedalia, Mo., and Joyce Eileen Taylor of Altoona; her sister Phyllis Saunders of Grinnell and her brother Keith Paulson of Grinnell; seven grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; and 13 great-great grandchildren.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, her husband William in 1991, her son Donald William in 1989, her son Kenneth Wayne in 1991 and her brothers Howard, Ross, and Merle and her sisters Doris and Genevieve and two great grand children.