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The daughter of Forrest M. and Lela Benson Mason, she was born Jan. 1, 1926, in Colfax. She moved to Grinnell with her family and after the death of her mother in 1930, she was raised by her foster parents, Willis and Rose Martz in Grinnell. She was a 1944 graduate of Grinnell High School and later received a bachelor of science degree at Drake University.

She taught rural school for eight years in Grant and Sheridan Townships, and then for 34 years in the Grinnell-Newburg School District, where she taught 2nd grade at Parker, Cooper, Davis, and Fairview Schools. She retired in 1986.

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Visitation will be held from noon to 8 p.m. today (Monday) at the funeral home, with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m.

She is survived by a brother, Carl Mason, of Claremont, Fla., and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Forest M. and Lela Benon Mason; her foster parents, Willis and Rose Martz; a brother, Wayne Mason; three foster sisters; and one foster brother.

death in 1960. She was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, Beulah Chapter No. 47 Order of Eastern Star, and Delta Kappa Gamma.

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Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Diabetes Association.

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