

OBITUARIES

GRINNELL RESIDENT

Eunice Kathryn Louden, 96



Eunice Kathryn (Odell) Louden, 96, of Grinnell died Aug. 28, 2015, at the

Mayflower Community Health Care Center.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Donations may be sent to the Mayflower Community.

Kathryn was born Aug. 8, 1919, to the Rev. William Austin and Elva Edith Jackson Odell in the Methodist parsonage, located at Buck's Grove, Delaware County, Iowa.

The family moved several times, mostly in the western states, settling in Wichita, Kan., in 1927. Kathryn graduated from Wichita High School North with the class of 1937. For two years she attended John Fletcher College in University Park. She taught fifth and sixth grades in the Newburg consolidated school district.

On Jan. 4, 1942, she married Warren Carl Louden, at Calvary Methodist Church in Wichita Kan. They farmed together for 54 years northwest of Grinnell, in Jasper County.

In 1994, Warren and Kathryn moved to the Mayflower in Grinnell. Kathryn was a member of the United Church of Christ-Congregational, Grinnell. She was also a

member of the Grinnell Historical and Literary Club.

Her former activities included numerous responsibilities in her church, locally and at the state level, Farm Bureau membership, 4-H leadership, PTO and other school organizations, hospital auxiliary, a Federated Woman's Club, and Church Women United. She was a charter member of the Iowa and National Porkettes, holding the office of president of the Iowa group and serving on the national board of directors for nine years. At Mayflower she was an active member of the Mayflower Residents' Association, serving in several capacities. She was a substitute teacher in the Newburg, Grinnell and Gilman school districts until retiring in 1972.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Flight Officer William Edward Odell, who was a casualty of World War II. She is survived by her husband, Warren Carl Louden, her four children, Jerome (Barbara) Aurora, Ill., Rosemary (Richard) Ames, Framingham, Mass., Steven (Jane), Eau Claire, Wis., and Gregory (Barbara), Madison, Wis., eight grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. She is also survived by one niece, Margretta Sue Moorhead of Philadelphia, Pa.

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