Marian Welle

Marion Mohler Welle, 89, of Des Moines and formerly of Grinnell, died Friday, Sept. 8, 2006, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. Iowa Methodist Medical Center. 12, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, with the Rev. John Saxton, Mayflower Home chaplain, officiating. Organist will be Kathleen McCune. Burial will be in Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery in Brooklyn.

Visitation will be held for an hour prior to the service on Tuesday.

Born in Cedar Rapids on Nov. 10, 1916, she was the daughter of Alpha and Elva Long Mohler. She was raised in Toledo and was a 1934 graduate of Toledo High School. She attended Iowa State Teacher's College in Cedar Falls and later received her bachelor's degree from Drake University in Des Moines.

In 1935, she began teaching in a oneroom schoolhouse in Tama County and later taught in a similar school in

Poweshiek County.

On Sept. 22, 1944, she married Clarence H. Welle in Toledo.

From 1961 to 1968, she taught in the Grinnell-Newburg School District. She then moved to Des Moines, where she was head librarian in the Waukee Community Schools for kindergarten through eighth grade. She retired in 1982.

She was a member of United Church of Christ-Congregational in Grinnell, where she served on the Christian Board of Education and as a Sunday school teacher. She was also a member of the Iowa State Education Association.

She is survived by two children, Tom Welle of Vienna, Va., and Marjorie Welle of Des Moines; two grandchildren; and a sister, Meda Carey of Grinnell. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, William and John Mohler; and two sisters, Margaret Fabricius and Clara Belle Boles.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Stewart Library in Grinnell or Funeral services for Marian Welle the Younker Rehabilitation Center at