Helen B. Shipley

Helen B. Shipley, 92, of Mayflower died Thursday, Sept. 6, 2007, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held Monday, Sept. 10, in the Carman Center at Mayflower with John Epperson, pastor of Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Pianist was Kathleen McCune. A graveside service will be held Tuesday, Sept. 11, at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Hillside, Ill., with the Rev. Noris M. Caban, pastor of Community Presbyterian Church in Broadview, Ill., officiating. Memorials may be directed to Mayflower Health Care Center.

She was born Nov. 16, 1913, in Maywood, Ill., the daughter of Curtis and Mary Rummling Shipley. She was raised in the Chicago area, receiving the bachelor of arts degree from Elmhurst College and the bachelor of science degree in library science from

the University of Illinois. She also received a master's degree from the University of Minnesota, after which she served as a librarian in the public library in Greencastle, Ind. From 1944 to 1955 she was a librarian in libraries at Beloit College and the University of Kansas City. In 1955 she accepted a position as librarian at Grinnell College where she served until her retirement in 1977. She subsequently resided at Mayflower for several years.

She was a member of the United Church of Christ-Congregational, the Grinnell Historical and Literary Club and the Legacy Club of Grinnell Regional Medical Center. She also was a charter member of the Grinnell Business and Professional Women's Club.

There are no immediate survivors. She was preceded in death by her parents and three sisters, Delores Shipley, Ruth Robertson and Marion Lembke.