

## Ila Stafford

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A memorial service for the late Ila J. Stafford who died Feb. 25 will be held Wednesday, June 20, at 10 a.m. in Carman Center at Mayflower.

Among survivors is her husband Harris R. Stafford with whom she shared leadership roles in the development of Mayflower.

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Ila J. Stafford, 87, of Grinnell died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007, at Mayflower Health Care Center.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

The daughter of Claude S. and Gertrude Waterhouse McDonald, she was born Nov. 8, 1917, near Denison, Iowa. She attended rural school until the age of 12 after which, because of the death of her mother, she was raised by her grandparents and attended public school in Denison. She later moved to Lester, Iowa, to live with other family members and was a 1935 graduate of Lester High School. She continued her education in the School of Nursing in Sioux Falls, S.D. In 1938 she moved to Logan, Iowa, where she was employed in a restaurant. She was married on Sept. 24, 1939, to Harris R. Stafford in Logan. The couple made their home in Logan, Audubon, Pocahontas and Creston prior to moving to Webster City in 1943, where they were engaged in family operations. They moved to Grinnell in 1957 when her husband became executive director of Mayflower Homes.

She was active in the Women's Fellowship of the United Church of Christ-Congregational and later became an account executive at Mayflower. She was a member of the United Christ-Congregational and its Women's Fellowship.

She is survived by her husband Harris of Grinnell; four sons, Lee of Hot Springs Village, Ark., Roger of Harker Heights, Texas, David of Lucas and Wayne of Armenia, N.D.; one sister Claudine Kirby of Fairfield, Calif.; eight grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Howard and Russell McDonald.

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