

## Laura S. Hahn <sup>CH</sup> 7/24/08

Laura Swaney Hahn, 94, of Elk Grove, Calif., formerly of Grinnell, died Dec. 11, 2007, in California.



A graveside service will be held at Hazelwood Cemetery Friday, Aug.

1, 2008, at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Del Dawes officiating. Family members will be present at the gravesite prior to the service and will receive relatives and friends following the service at West Side Family Dining, west Grinnell. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

She was born Sept. 19, 1913, on a dairy farm near Grinnell. She graduated from Grinnell High School and Iowa State College in Ames where she met and married Donald Hahn. An automobile accident took the lives of her husband and parents. When she recovered from her injuries, she and her daughters moved in 1953 to live with her brother in Elk Grove. She taught fourth grade in Elk Grove for 19 years, retiring in 1972.

Her retirement coincided with the creation of the Volunteer League at the newly opening Methodist Hospital. She filled several service assignments for the league but soon was drawn to the challenge of providing each child in the hospital under the age of 12 with a soft toy or a crocheted puppet. Many children knew her as The Puppet Lady and in 1989 she received a commendation from the California State Legislature. She also was honored by the Volunteer League for 25 years of service.

She is survived by two daughters, Laura Mix and Geri Alison, both of Elk Grove; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Wilson Swaney and her husband, Donald L. Hahn.