

Margaret Thompson



Margaret L. Thompson, 89, of Grinnell died on Thursday, Nov. 20, 2008, at Friendship Manor in Grinnell.

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A funeral service will be held Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 10:30 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home with John Epperson, pastor of Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Pianist will be Jolene Jones and vocalist will be Barbara Chitwood. Casket bearers will be family members. Interment will be at Hazelwood Cemetery. Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home beginning at 12 noon on Monday with family members present from 5 to 7 p.m. Memorials may be made to Grinnell Christian Church.

She was born on June 23, 1919, in LaFlech, Saskatchewan, Canada, to Leonard and Margaret Wright Truman. The family moved to Iowa and she graduated from Grundy Center High School with the Class of 1937. She

received a teaching certificate from Iowa Teachers College in Cedar Falls. After her education she taught in rural schools near Grundy Center and Montezuma.

On Dec. 25, 1945, she was married to Ray Thompson in Lancaster, Mo. She worked as a bookkeeper for Bohstedt Real Estate Company and later for the Department of Human Services. She retired in 1991.

She was a member of Grinnell Christian Church, the Order of Eastern Star, the White Shrine of Newton, the VFW, Past President of the American Legion Auxiliary, and Past Noble Grand of the Rebekah Lodge in Grinnell. She enjoyed needlework and socializing with friends.

Survivors include one daughter, Louann Heinle of Laurel; three sons, Kenneth R. Thompson of Laurel, Delbert Thompson of Dothan, Ala., and William J. Thompson of Newton; 15 grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Lyle Truman.