

Vela Autry

Vela Autry, 89, of Grinnell died Friday, Sept. 11, at the Mayflower Health Care Center.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 25, at Hazelwood Cemetery. Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday.

She was born Oct. 22, 1908, on a farm near Roff, Okla. The family moved to Ada, Okla., where she graduated from high school in 1927. In 1930 she graduated with a B.A. degree in education from East Central Oklahoma State University. She taught high school business education courses at Union and Camanche, Okla.

She was married to William T. Autry May 27, 1933, in Duncan, Okla. They lived at Broken Arrow, Okla., where she was in charge of the financial records of the Broken Arrow School System. Because of Mr. Autry's 47-year career in the telephone industry, they also lived in Dyersville and Columbus, Neb., until moving to Grinnell in 1956.

Mrs. Autry was a member of the United Church of Christ - Congregational.

She is survived by her daughter, Carolyn Autry Elloian of Perrysburg, Ohio, and one granddaughter.

Her husband, an infant son and her parents preceded her in death.

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