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**Ruth Baumgartner** (WALTER)

Ruth E. Baumgartner, 89, of the Mayflower died Wednesday, Dec. 24, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service was conducted Monday morning at the Grinnell United Church of Christ - Congregational, with the Rev. Bob Molsberry officiating. Interment of the ashes will be at a later date in Oakridge Cemetery, Cosby, Mo.

The daughter of Robert and Barbara Schenbeck Speicher, she was born May 17, 1908, in Geneva, Ind. She was raised and educated in Berne, Ind., and later attended Anthony Wayne Business College in Fort Wayne, Ind.

She was married to the Rev. Walter Baumgartner June 30, 1933, in Berne. Mrs. Baumgartner was a homemaker, and through her husband's ministry the couple had lived in several communities in Wisconsin, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Michigan. They retired to the Mayflower in 1989.

Surviving are one daughter, Barbara Schmiechen of Minneapolis, Minn.; two sons, John of Grand Ledge, Mich., and Jim of Denver, Colo.; two brothers, Daniel Speicher of Berne and Paul Speicher of Del Ray Beach, Fla.; one sister, Barbara Cooley of Milwaukee, Wis.; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and one son, Richard.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mayflower Human Needs Fund or the United Church of Christ - Congregational.