

Esther Brannian

Esther Jean Brannian, 95, died Monday Feb. 27, at the Mayflower Home Health Care Center.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Raymond C. Lott of the Grinnell United Methodist Church officiating. Organist will be Margaret Wheeler. Burial will be in Brooklyn Cemetery.

Memorials in Mrs. Brannian's name may be left at the funeral home.

The daughter of John and Kathryn Scott Lang, she was born Nov. 25, 1893, in Madison Township. She graduated from Grinnell High School in 1913, attended Grinnell College and received her nursing degree from the University of Iowa College of Nursing.

She worked as a U.S. Army nurse at Camp Shelby, Miss., and also worked in Johnson County, at Iowa State University and at Sartori Hospital in Cedar Falls.

She was married to Herbert Brannian March 31, 1926, in Brooklyn. The couple lived in Brooklyn until 1944 when she returned to Cedar Falls and served as Black Hawk County nurse and as a public school nurse. She retired in 1959 and returned to Brooklyn before moving to the Mayflower Home in 1965.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church, Chapter J.B. of P.E.O. and the Order of Eastern Star in Cedar Falls.

Surviving are two daughters, Sherri Barrett of North Las Vegas, Nev., and Gretchen Paustian of Whippany, N.J.; a stepson, Willis H. Brannian of Council Bluffs; two brothers, J. Robert Lang of Gilman and Gavin Lang of Yuma, Ariz.; two sisters, Rae Harris of Titonka and Agnes Lang of Brooklyn; three grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a stepdaughter, Evelyn Lamb; two brothers, Harold and Clarence; and two sisters, Lucille Patrick and Evelyn Dunmire.