

MS **Berniece R. Copeland**

Berniece R. Copeland, 96, of Grinnell died Friday, April 3, at Friendship Manor.

A graveside service will be conducted in May at Woodland Cemetery, Lynnvillle, with the Rev. Homer Perry of Grinnell officiating. The Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The daughter of Oscar Perry and Dora Craven Copeland, she was born Feb. 9, 1896, in Lynnvillle. The family moved to Marshalltown and later to Des Moines where she attended high school. She studied piano with George Frederick Ogden and attended summer music courses at Northwestern University. From 1917 to 1927 she taught at the Des Moines School of Arts where Ogden was director.

In the late 1920s and '30s in Detroit and other Michigan communities, she was associated with the Visuola method of teaching public school piano class work, writing and illustrating several books in addition to teaching. She also wrote other children's music, with more than 50 pieces published by Theodore Presser Co. and other publishing houses.

During the Depression she moved to Grinnell and taught piano. In 1940 she moved to Elgin, Ill., and in 1950 to Jacksonville, Ill., where she also taught music. She lived in Des Moines and Indianola before moving to Grinnell in 1985. While living in Indianola she was a member of the Trinity United Presbyterian Church where she was active in the women's circles and sewing group. She also was a member of the Ogden Club in Des Moines.

Surviving are one sister, Marjorie Copeland of Grinnell, and one brother, Ronald of Manitowoc, Wis. She was preceded in death by her parents.

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A graveside service for Berniece R. Copeland, 96, of Grinnell, who died April 3 at Friendship Manor, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, at Woodland Cemetery, Lynnvillle.

The Rev. Homer Perry of the Mayflower Home will officiate. Memorials may be made to the Berniece Copeland Memorial Fund.

She is survived by one sister, Marjorie Copeland of Grinnell, and a brother, Ronald E. Copeland of Manitowoc, Wis.

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