Marie Edwards

N. Marie Edwards, 91, died Sunday, May 14, at Friendship Manor.

Graveside services were held Wednesday morning, May 17, at Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Rev. Tim Stewart, pastor of First Baptist Church, Grinnell, and the Rev. Robert C. Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Knoxville, officiating. Pallbearers were Harold Moyer, Howard Neighbors, Richard Sanders, Bill Walters and Jim White. Memorials may be made to the Howard N. Edwards Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Grinnell Elks Lodge.

The daughter of Ezra and Josephine M. Day Edwards, she was born Jan. 4. 1904, in Lorimor. She moved with her family to Boulder, Colo., where she attended grade school. Her family later moved to Grinnell where she graduated from Grinnell High School and Grinnell College. Following her graduation, she taught for several years in Montezuma. She returned to Grinnell to join her father, her brother Howard, and her sister Hazel in operating the Edwards Grocery Store, a Grinnell business fixture for 65 years. She had resided at Friendship Manor since 1990.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church and the National Republican Party.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Ruth and Hazel Edwards; one brother, Howard Edwards; two half brothers Ernest and the Rev. Chester Edwards, and a half sister, Ethel Bowman.