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<sup>#12</sup> <sup>December 4,</sup>  
**Mrs. Esler rites today**

<sup>1978</sup>

Elsie Mae Esler, 81, of 1411 Eighth Ave. died Friday noon at her home. Dec. 3.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. today at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. James Russell, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Hazelwood Cemetery.

The daughter of William and Jane McCosh Paul, she was born Feb. 27, 1897, near Hartwick. She attended rural schools.

On Dec. 8, 1917, she was married to Ross J. Esler. The couple farmed in the Jacob's Switch area, moving to Grinnell in 1950. Mrs. Esler was a member of the Northside Friends Church.

Survivors include her children, Mrs. James (Arlene) McCulloch of Altoona, Mrs. Verl (Evelyn) Garwood of Grinnell, Myron R. Esler of Goldfield, and Mrs. Merle (Helen) Boyer of Taylor Ridge, Ill.; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Mamie Brandt and Mrs. Margaret McIlrath, both of Grinnell; and a brother, Arthur Paul of Council Bluffs.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; one grandchild; a sister, Agnes Paul; and a brother, Alfred Paul.

Memorials in Mrs. Esler's name may be made to the Northside Friends Church.

Rites held for

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Funeral services for Elsie Mae Esler, 81, of 1411 Eighth Ave., Grinnell, who died Friday at her home, were held at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Smith Funeral Home.

The Rev. James P. Russell, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiated. Organist was Mrs. Booker Kiner, and vocalist was Gordon Van Donselaar. Pallbearers were Paul Bacon, Raymond Bangham, Donald Hudnutt, Virgil Stanley, Ray Tokle and Laird Wray.

Honorary pallbearers were Basil Brush, Hugh E. Hanson, Edward L. Mayo, Paul McConnell, Don Paul and Ed Peak Sr.

Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery.

Should friends desire, memorials in Mrs. Esler's name may be made to the Northside Friends Church.

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