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Edith E. Farley, 97, of the Mayflower died of congestive heart failure Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Mayflower Health Care Center.

A memorial service will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 16, in the Mayflower Social Center, with the Rev. Homer Perry officiating. Pianist will be Alice Renaud. Burial will be in Carlisle Cemetery, Carlisle, with the Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell in charge of arrangements.

She was the daughter of Joseph and Kate Woodin Williamson and was born Jan. 5, 1899, at Bonaparte. She was a 1917 graduate of Bonaparte High School and later received a teaching certificate from the former Des Moines University. She taught elementary school at Bonaparte.

On June 14, 1922, she was married to Levi "Lee" Farley in Ottumwa. They lived in Bonaparte and, from 1936 to 1945, in Victor. They moved to Grinnell in 1945 and operated Farley Travel Agency. They moved to Durand, Ill., in 1961, returning to Grinnell in 1974.

Mrs. Farley was a member of the United Methodist Church and Chapter BM of PEO. She was a 50-year member of Magnolia Chapter No. 276 of PEO in Bonaparte.

Surviving are her son, Robert "Doc" Farley of Brodhead, Wis., three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and one brother, Harry Williamson.

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The couple lived at Bonaparte and from 1936 to 1945, they lived at Victor. In 1945 they moved to Grinnell and operated Farley Travel Agency. They moved to Durand, Ill., in 1961 and lived there until returning to Grinnell in 1974. While in Grinnell, she lived at the Mayflower Home and was a member of the United Methodist Church and Chapter BM POF PEO. She was a 50-year member of the Magnolia Chapter #276 of PEO at Bonaparte.

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