

Mary Jane Fickess

(B. DeWayne)

Mary Jane Fickess, 83, of Grinnell died Wednesday, Feb. 4, at the Mayflower Health Care Center.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Smith Funeral Home, with Pastor Wes Peterson of the Seventh-day Adventist Church officiating. Organist was Karaly Juhl, and soloist was Don Juhl. Pallbearers were Jerry Hagen, Donovan Evans, Don Juhl, Ted Mokricky, Ed Poush and Bill Weeks. Honorary bearer was Raymond Eastridge.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

The daughter of Marlyn Jay and Nellie Mae Ingraham Douglas, she was born May 30, 1914, in Grinnell. She was a 1933 graduate of Grinnell High School. She received her B.A. degree from Union College in Lincoln, Neb., in 1938 and her M.A. in education from Drake University in 1953.

She taught in Seventh-day Adventist schools for 25 years in Iowa, Florida, Texas, Kansas and California. She was employed in the

education departments at several colleges, including Southwestern Junior College in Keene, Texas; Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif.; La Sierra College in Riverside, Calif.; and Union College in Lincoln, Neb.

Her public-school teaching took her to districts in Johnston, Newton, Grinnell-Newburg and Nevada. Following her retirement in 1978, she did missionary teaching in Java, Indonesia and the SDA Indian School in Holbrook, Ariz.

She was married to B. DeWayne Fickess June 6, 1967, in Grinnell.

They lived in Nevada, Iowa. Her husband died in 1976, and she moved to the Mayflower in 1984. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the Iowa Retired Teachers Association and the Soroptomists.

There are no immediate survivors. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and one brother, Robert W. Douglas.

Memorials in her name may be made to the SDA Indian School in Holbrook, Ariz.

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