

A Successful School Teacher Is Laid To Rest

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Avis Maurine Figland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis J. Figland, died Sunday morning at 4:45 a.m. at the Des Moines General hospital in Des Moines. At her bedside were her mother and father together with her sisters, Doris and Lois. Her brother, LeRoy, was in Akron, Ohio, at the time, being employed by the Goodyear Rubber Co.

Avis M. Figland was born in Poweshiek county, Ia., Dec. 2, 1911, and had lived here all her life. She graduated from the Grinnell high school in 1929.

Since her graduation she started her teaching career in Malcom township, No. 9, in the same school where she had received her country education, and continued teaching there until her last illness, a period of four and a half years. Miss Figland was one of our most successful school teachers and had endeared herself to the children of her school, as well as to the host of friends who will mourn her loss. She was loved by all who knew her, not only for her self sacrificing spirit, constantly giving herself to make others happy, but also for her many virtues which were a part of her natural life. The qualities of her rich and noble character, together with her many charms and graces, won for her such friends who enriched her life as well as those she came in contact with.

She attended Sunday school in the country and was the teacher of the Young People's class.

She is survived by her mother, and father, two sisters, Doris and Lois, and a brother, LeRoy.

The funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1934, from the Methodist church, with Rev. H. S. Wilkinson in charge. David Phillips sang two solos, "In the Garden" and "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown." She was laid to rest in beautiful Hazelwood by the side of her grandmother for whom she was named. The pallbearers were Omer and Ernest Olson, Chester and Sherman Figland, Henry Neister and Ernest Larson, cousins and close friends of the deceased. The flower bearers were Mrs. Henry Neister. Mrs. Delmar Stewart, Mrs. Ernest Larson and Mrs. Fay Agnew. The flowers being so profuse and beautiful, it was the wish of the family to have some of the flowers brought to the Community and St. Francis hospitals to help cheer some of the patients there, in honor of their beloved daughter and sister, Avis. Thanks to the bearers, this wish was granted.