

March 4, 1976

Vesta Flaherty

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Vesta Faye Flaherty, 88, of Grinnell died early Wednesday at St. Francis Manor East.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Myron Harris, pastor of the Northside Friends Church, officiating. Burial will be at the Masonic-I.O.O.F. cemetery in Montezuma. Friends may call the Smith Funeral Home for additional information.

The daughter of Ezra T. and Susan Jane Alexander Craven, she was born Jan. 22, 1888, in Lynnville. She attended Lynnville public schools, Lynnville High School, and Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, S.D. She moved to Grinnell in 1909.

On Feb. 25, 1914, she was married to James Taylor in Grinnell. The couple had two daughters, Jean Phyllis Taylor who died in 1915 and Eleanor Mae Taylor who died in 1918. Mr. Taylor also died in 1918.

On Jan. 1, 1923, she was married to William Patrick Flaherty in Sioux City. Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Flaherty farmed near New Sharon, later moving to Des Moines. They moved to Grinnell in the late 1940s.

Mrs. Flaherty was a member of the United Methodist Church for 61 years and the W.S.C.S. of the church. She was also a 60-year member of Beulah Chapter No. 47 of the Order of Eastern Star, a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Veterans of World War I Auxiliary, and Iowa Poetry and Chapperal. She had worked for "Old Homestead" magazine and had worked in the office of Drs. Wertz and May in Des Moines.

There are no immediate survivors. She was preceded in death by her first husband, James; her two daughters, Jean and Eleanor; her second husband, William, in 1966; her twin sister, Mrs. Phillip "Dode" (Verna) Garrigan; six other sisters; and two brothers.

(William P.)

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The Rev. Myron Harris, pastor of the Northside Friends Church, officiated. Organist was Mrs. Leonard Pearce, and vocalist was Mrs. Noel B. Taylor. Pallbearers were Wesley Ahrens, James George, John Hotchkin, Mervin Morgan, Ralph Reams and Jerry Van Brug.

Burial was at the Masonic-I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Montezuma.