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Helen George rites Tuesday

Helen George, 86, the widow of Russell C. George, died Friday evening at St. John's Home, Albert Lea, Minn. Mrs. George had lived in Minnesota to be near her daughter. She died of complications following a stroke.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with the Rev. James P. Russell officiating. Burial will be at Hazelwood Cemetery. Should friends desire, memorials in Mrs. George's name may be made to Stewart Library or the Grinnell United Methodist Church and left at the Smith Funeral Home, where friends may call.

The daughter of a pioneer Grinnell family, R.G. and Alvaretta Farley Coutts, she was born Feb. 10, 1894. She attended school here, graduating from Grinnell High School and Grinnell College. She taught briefly in Kellogg and Madrid.

On July 17, 1917, she was married to Russell C. George. During World War I, the couple lived in Deming, N.M., and following their return to Grinnell operated a hardware and

wallpaper store.

Mrs. George was the first president of the Friends of Stewart Library. She was a life member of the United Methodist Church and the WSCS of the church. She was a member of Beulah Chapter No. 47, Order of Eastern Star, and a charter member of Pi Rho Lambda. She was also a member of the Drummond Club, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Ladies Cemetery Association.

Until her illness, Mrs. George had lived at the family home at 1202 Hamilton St. here.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. George (Winifred) Oetjen of Albert Lea, Mrs. Dorothy Westphal of Chicago, and Mrs. Richard (Mary Jane) Johnson of North Oaks, Minn.; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Grace Norton of Brunswick, Ga. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Russell, in 1964; four brothers, Ross V., Harry G., Dwight, and Ray C. Coutts; and one sister, Hazel R. Coutts.

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Service here for Mrs. George

Helen Jane George, daughter of Robert G. and Alvaretta Farley Coutts, died Friday evening, March 6, at St. John's Lutheran Home in Albert Lea, Minn., at the age of 86.

The Coutts family was prominent in building construction and real estate development in early Grinnell.

Funeral services for Helen J. George were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with the Rev. James P. Russell officiating.

Music was provided by Mrs. Barbara Lein, organist, and Mrs. Sherry Bauer, soloist.

Pallbearers were Everett C. Armstrong, Boyd Locker, James McNally, Ned Postels, and Max A. Smith. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery.

Born in the home her father built at 1202 Hamilton Ave. on Feb. 10, 1894, she received her education in the Grinnell schools, graduating from Grinnell High School and later, with the class of 1916 from Grinnell College.

She taught for a few years in Kellogg and Madrid, Iowa.

She married Russell Clarence George during World War I at Camp Dodge, Iowa, on July 17, 1917. The couple lived for a time in Deming, N.M., while her husband served in

the Army, and returned to Grinnell following his discharge.

She was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church, which her father's construction company built, the Women's Society of Christian Service, and other committees of the church. She also served as first president of the Friends of Stewart Library and was a charter member of Pi Rho Lambda club, and a member of Beulah Chapter #47 of the Order of Eastern Star, the Drummond Club, and the American Legion Auxiliary.

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