

Ruth E. Hockett

Ruth Ellen Hockett, 89, of Newton, formerly of Grinnell, died at Newton Health Care Center.

Graveside services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell, with the Rev. Keith Briggs, pastor of the First Friends Church, officiating. The Wallace-Pence Funeral Home of Newton is in charge of arrangements.

The daughter of Arthur J. and Flossie Small Hockett, she was born Jan. 20, 1901, in rural Lynnville. She attended public schools in Grinnell. She had been a resident of Newton since the 1950s, working as a home-maker aide and caring for Nellie Kennedy of Newton. She retired in 1976.

She was a member of the First Friends Church in Grinnell and had attended the First United Methodist Church in Newton.

There are no immediate survivors. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, and two sisters in infancy.