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Sara Maurer Services Held

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Sara Maurer, 82, a resident of Mechanicsville, Iowa for the past 57 years, died Wednesday, June 6, at Grinnell General Hospital, following an extended illness.

The daughter of James P. and Emma McKee McIlrath, she was born Oct. 20, 1890, near Gilman in Marshall County. She began her education in the rural schools near Gilman. After her parents moved to Grinnell, she continued her education at Cooper School and was a member of the first class to be graduated from Grinnell High School. She was also graduated from Grinnell College and, following her graduation, she taught at Davis School in Grinnell, as well as in the public schools in Belmont.

On June 15, 1915, she was married to Havland J. Maurer at Grinnell. Following their marriage, they lived in Montezuma, where Mr. Maurer practiced law. In 1916, they moved to Mechanicsville where Mr. Maurer continued his practice until his death on Feb. 25, 1969. Mrs. Maurer also served as postmistress and librarian at Mechanicsville for a number of years.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and the Flower Club of Mechanicsville and took part in numerous community affairs.

Mrs. Maurer is survived by her brothers, John McIlrath and James Harley McIlrath, both of Grinnell her sisters, Mrs. Emma Claybrook, Mrs. Alex (Elizabeth) Jack, and Mrs. Earl (Lucille) Anthony of Grinnell, and Mrs. Mabel Tharp and Miss Ruby McIlrath of Kellogg; and her nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her stepmother, and an infant brother, James.

Funeral services for Mrs. Maurer were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 9, at the James-Schalinske Funeral Home. Horace Schaffner, pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, officiated; vocalist was Gordon Van Donselaar, and organist was Katheleen Heffner. Pallbearers were her nephews, Wilbur Jack, Raymond McIlrath, Wendell Claybrook, James McIlrath, Stanley McIlrath, and Dale Anthony.

Services were also conducted Saturday afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church at Mechanicsville, and burial was in the Rosehill Cemetery in that community.