

Elva Mosher Rites Today

Mrs. Elva F. Mosher, 88, the wife of Martin L. Mosher of the Mayflower Home, died early Friday morning at Grinnell General Hospital, where she had been a patient the past six days.

The daughter of Lewis Willits and Ruth Ann Vore Forman, she was born Jan. 27, 1884, at Lenox, Iowa. Her family later moved to West Branch, where she was graduated from West Branch High School with the class of 1900.

She was a member of the class of 1908 at Iowa State University, where she was recognized as class salutatorian. On Dec. 29, 1908, she was married to Martin L. Mosher at Ames. The couple had five children, all of whom survive: Arthur T. Mosher of New York City; Dr. Martin L. Mosher Jr. of Chicago; Mrs. Farwell T. (Ruth) Brown of Ames; Mrs. Robert W. (Vora) Straw of Dixon, Ill.; and Robert F. Mosher of Wilmette, Ill. Mrs. Ruth Ann Oden, a foster now of Wahoo, Neb., was in the Mosher home for the first 15 months of her life. A department head at the University of Illinois expressed the feeling that Mrs. Mosher should be designated mother of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Mosher had lived in Grinnell at the Mayflower Home since 1964. Mr. Mosher was associated with the Agricultural Extension Service, and they lived in Toluca and Jalapa, Mexico; Clinton and DeWitt, Iowa; and Eureka and Urbana, Ill., before moving to Grinnell.

Mrs. Mosher was a member of the American Country Life Association, the American Association of University Women, chairman of the board of the Young Women's Christian Association at the University of Illinois, the Urbana-Champaign Monday Club, the Homemakers Club, and the Iowa Home Economics Association. She was a member of the United Church of Christ-Congregational in Grinnell.

Survivors include her husband, Martin; her five children; 17 grandchildren; six

great-grandchildren; and several cousins, nephews, and nieces. She was preceded in death by one grandchild and her brother and sister, Mrs. May Pownall and Lee W. Forman.

Services for Mrs. Mosher were held at 9:30 a.m. today (Monday) at the Mayflower Home Chapel with graveside services at 1 p.m. at the West Branch Cemetery. Officiating at the services were the Rev. Newell E. Davis and the Rev. Ralph Beebe. Music was provided by Mrs. Ruth Campbell. Pallbearers were Stephen Mosher, Kendrick Brown, Gerald Howard, George Straw, Roger Brown, and Paul Straw.

Friends may call the Smith Funeral Home for additional information. Should friends desire, memorials in Mrs. Mosher's name may be made to the Mayflower Home Health Care Center.

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Obituary
MRS. ELVA F. MOSHER

(The Register's Iowa News Service)

GRINNELL, IA. — Mrs. Elva F. Mosher, 88, a resident of the Mayflower Home here for the last eight years, died Friday at Grinnell General Hospital of a stroke.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday in the Mayflower Home chapel. Mrs. Mosher was the wife of Martin L. Mosher, Iowa's first county extension director. The Moshers lived in Clinton, De Witt, Eureka, Ill., Urbana, Ill., and Toluca and Jalapa, Mexico, before moving to the Mayflower Home.

Salutatorian of her 1908 Iowa State University graduating class, Mrs. Mosher was a past chairman of the board of directors of the Young Women's Christian Association of Urbana, Ill.

Survivors include her husband, three sons, two daughters, 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.