Ruth J. Murphy Ruth J. Murphy, 87, of Grinnell died Friday, Sept. 3, at St. Francis Manor.

A memorial service was held Thursday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Arvid Dixen, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, officlating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler, and vocalist was Marlene Gritsch. Private family burial was at Ivy Hill Cemetery near Malcom.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church or St. Francis Manor.

She was the daughter of Frederick and Lena Olson Murphy and was born Sept. 5, 1905, in Malcom. She was raised on the tamily farm and attended Malcom No. 9 School. She graduated from Malcom High School.

She lived on the family farm and cared for her parents and assisted with the farm operation. Because of poor health she lived at Friendship Manor and St. Francis Manor for the past 10 years.

There are no immediate survivors. She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, William, Harold and Raymond; and one sister, Gladys Wisecarver: October 7