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## Ellen Olson dies at 103

One of Grinnell's oldest residents, Ellen E. Olson, 103, of 904 East St., died Tuesday afternoon at her home. *Jan. 22*

Relatives said she had been in remarkable health for her age until several days ago.

Funeral services for Mrs. Olson will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church in Grinnell, with the Rev. Robert C. Smith officiating. Burial will be at Hazelwood Cemetery. Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home.

The daughter of Charles and Christine Severson Emerson, she was born Feb. 24, 1876, near Grinnell. Her parents died when she was young, and she worked her way through the Grinnell schools, graduating from Grinnell High

School in 1895.

She was honored as "Miss Liberty" in the Fourth of July parade in 1894.

On Nov. 20, 1895, she was married to John C. Olson. The couple had six children. Mr. and Mrs. Olson farmed in Pleasant Township for many years.

Mrs. Olson was a member of the First Baptist Church in Grinnell.

Survivors include her daughters, Mrs. Howard (Annetta) Latcham, Mrs. Mildred E. Sampson and Fern B. Olson, all of Grinnell, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband John in 1944 and her children, Arthur A. Olson, Evelyn J. Heisel and Raymond J. Olson.

John C.

H-R January 28, 1980

## Ellen Olson services held

Ellen E. Olson, 103, of 904 East St. died Tuesday afternoon at her home. *Jan. 22*

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Robert C. Smith officiating. Organist was Edward Bohstedt, and vocalists were Patty Evans and Howard Raffety. Pallbearers were Allen Latcham, Michael Latcham, Charles W. Olson, James M. Olson, John E. Sampson and Ronald Stanerson. Flower bearers were Mildred King and Marjorie Morrison.

Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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near Grinnell.

Survivors include her daughters, Mrs. Howard (Annetta) Latcham, Mrs. Mildred E. Sampson and Fern B. Olson, all of Grinnell; 14 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and 27 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, in 1944; her children, Arthur A. Olson, Evelyn J. Heisel and Raymond J. Olson; one grandchild; one great-grandchild; one great-great grandchild; four sisters, Mrs. Anna Figland, Mrs. Sophia McKeag, Mrs. Clara Beltz and Mrs. Laura Ringo; three half sisters, Mrs. Mary Martinson, Mrs. Lena Christianson and Amelia Enerson; and one half brother, Chris Enerson.