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Vera R. Osborn



Vera R. Osborn, 90, of Grinnell died of Alzheimer's disease Thursday, Feb. 28, at St. Francis Manor.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Tim Stewart, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Grinnell, officiating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler. Pallbearers were Jerry Grosenbach, Roger Osborn, Ron Osborn, Jim Saunders, and John and Stacy Schnathorst. Honorary bearers were Larry Hatton and Bryan Vincent. Burial was at Prairie View Cemetery, Gilman.

The daughter of John Robert and Mae Catherine Pearce Nicholl, she was born May 4, 1911, in Jasper County. She was a 1929 graduate of Gilman High School and received a B.S. degree from Drake University in 1950.

She taught rural school in Marshall County for several years before moving to Grinnell in 1943. She taught first grade here for over 30 years before retiring in 1976.

She was married to Lester W. Osborn June 29, 1960, in Gilman. She was past noble grand of Grinnell Chapter No. 119 of Rebekah Lodge and past chief patriarch of Fidelity Ladies Encampment Auxiliary No. 118. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and the Iowa Retired Teachers Association.

She attended Gilman Community Church and, later, Grinnell First Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband. Her parents and one brother, Raymond Nicholl, preceded her in death.