

H-R August 2, 1984  
Grace Parker

## services today

Grace Parker, 95, of the Mayflower Home died Saturday evening, July 28, at the Mayflower Home Health Care Center.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. today at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Daniel I. Ogata, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Organist will be Alice Renaud, and vocalist will be Genevieve Weaver.

Pallbearers will be Donald Fenter, Fred Johnson, Stanley Johnson, Wendell Kinnaird, John H. McWilson and John Parker. Honorary bearers will be Delamer Adkins, Leonard Lukehart, Hugh McCleery, Harold McIlrath, Howard McIlrath, Robert McIlrath, Wayne McIlrath, Richard Parker, Robert W. Peak, William Peak and John Wilson.

Burial will be in Prairie View Cemetery, Gilman. Memorials may be made to the Grace McIlrath Parker Award Fund at Grinnell College.

The daughter of Hugh and Elizabeth Paul McIlrath, she was born May 10, 1889, near Laurel. She attended rural school, and in 1900 she moved with her family to Grinnell. She graduated from Grinnell High School in 1907 and from Grinnell College in 1911. During her high school and college years, she participated in basketball and was awarded the first Honor "G" for a female athlete at Grinnell College.

Following her education she taught in Corning and Ames schools. On Feb. 14, 1916, she was married to Samuel E. Parker at their parents' home in Grinnell. The couple farmed north of Newburg for 36 years, moving to Gilman in 1952. While in Gilman, Mrs. Parker was a member of the Gilman Community United Church of Christ. She moved to the Mayflower Home here in 1974. While in Grinnell, she was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

There are no immediate survivors. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, seven brothers and four sisters.

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