

Lela M. Prather

Lela M. Prather, 93, of Grinnell died Saturday, Jan. 26, at St. Francis Manor.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Hager Memorial Home in Dwight, Ill., with the Rev. Craig Miller, pastor of the Dwight United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was at Oak Lawn Cemetery, Dwight, ILLINOIS.

She was the daughter of William and Dora Lentz Jones and was born Sept. 21, 1908, in Dongola, Ill. She was raised in Dongola and was a graduate of Dongola High School. She also attended Brown Business College in Cairo, Ill.

She was married to Whitlow O. Prather Oct. 16, 1930, in Dongola. They lived there until 1937 when they moved to Dwight. Mrs. Prather worked as an accounting clerk for the Ordnance Ammunition Command in Joliet, Ill., and retired in 1973. She moved in Grinnell in 1987 to be near her family.

She was a member of the Dwight United Methodist Church and the Order of Eastern Star.

Surviving are four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; one daughter, JoAnn Lauritzen; and one brother, Oscar Jones.