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Mrs. Raffety, 67, Dies At Hospital; Services Friday

Mrs. Iness Straight Raffety, 67, the wife of Laverne E. Raffety of Rte. 2 Grinnell, died Tuesday morning at University Hospitals in Iowa City. She had not been in the best of health the past year and was hospitalized the past few weeks.

The daughter of Howard Seymour and Effa L. Wheat Straight, Mrs. Raffety was born April 25, 1902, in Taylor County, Iowa. She attended Bedford high school and the University of Iowa where she graduated with the Class of 1923 with a BA degree in music.

Following her graduation, Mrs. Raffety taught music, English, and dramatics in the Guernsey and Malcom high schools.

She was married to LaVerne E. Raffety at her parents home near Bedford, Iowa, on July 25, 1926. The couple are the parents of five children—Maynard L. Raffety of Rt. 4, Grinnell, Seymour J. Raffety of LaCrosse, Wis., Mrs. Clayton (Carolyn) Knutson of Osseo, Minn., Howard E. Raffety of Rt. 2, Grinnell, and Donald C. Raffety, of Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois.

Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Raffety made their home in Brooklyn, Iowa, for four years while Mr. Raffety was superintendent with the Brooklyn school system. In 1930 they moved to their farm home northwest of Grinnell where they presently reside.

Mrs. Raffety was a member of the First Baptist Church and had served her church in many capacities including as a trustee. She was a member of the Isabella Brande Guild and the Brande Bible Class as well as active in choir functions. During her college days, she was president of the Zeta Tau Alpha social sorority.

Mrs. Raffety is survived by her husband, LaVerne; her five children; 11 grandchildren—Carla, Janet, Marilyn and Sara Raffety of Grinnell, Helen and Linda Raffety of LaCrosse, Charles, Kathy, and John Knutson of Osseo, Minn., and, Michael and Megan Raffety of Grinnell; one sister and five brothers—Mrs. Clark (Sola) Stroberg of Blockton, Iowa, Leonard Straight of Sharpsburg, Iowa, Howard Straight of Bedford, Iowa, Brig. General Clio Straight, U.S. Army retired, of New York City, Harlan Straight of Kennewick, Wash., and Vern Straight, of Portland, Ore.

Mrs. Raffety was preceded in death by her parents and one brother and two sisters—Sanford Straight, Mrs. Selma Clary, and Sarena Straight in infancy.

Funeral services for Mrs. Raffety will be held 1:30 p.m. Friday (July 18) at the First Baptist church with the Rev. Hugh A. Shiveley, pastor of the church, officiating. Assisting him will be the Rev. Ralph Beebe of the Mayflower Home.

Music will be furnished by Edward Bohstedt, organist, and Mrs. Addison Jones, vocalist.

Pallbearers will be Richard Bailey, Harold Brown, Leonard H. Evans, Donovan Evans, Don Pederson, and Clair Strand.

Burial will be made in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be sent to the Pipe Organ Fund at the First Baptist Church.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home.

La Verne