

M. Ethyl Rivers

M. Ethyl Rivers, 106, of Grinnell died Sunday, Oct. 29, at Friendship Manor.

A graveside service was conducted Wednesday at Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Rev. Judy Wadding of the Grinnell United Methodist Church officiating. Pallbearers were Kevin Nagel and Wilbur Telfer.

The daughter of John F. and Miranda Hamor Rivers, she was born Feb. 10, 1894, in Newburg. She attended rural school and was a 1912 graduate of Grinnell High School. She graduated from Grinnell College in 1918 and taught rural school in Poweshiek County prior to receiving her M.A. degree from the University of Chicago in 1929.

She taught high school mathematics for 13 years in Little Rock, Ark., then taught mathematics at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania and, later, at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

She retired from teaching in 1950 and returned to Grinnell. She had been a resident of Friendship Manor since 1992.

Surviving is one sister, Genevieve Gray of St. Charles, Ill. Her parents and one brother, Walter Rivers, preceded her in death.

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