

Vera Schnell

Vera Ruth Schnell, 91, died Friday, July 30, at the Mayflower.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. John Epperson, pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Organist was Gertrude Schnell, and soloist was Greg Lincoln. Pallbearers were Chris, Jim and Chet Schnell, Dennis Metz, Randall Larrison, Greg McWilliams, Kent Harms, and Elston and Jeff Renaud. Burial was in Union Cemetery, Newton.

Memorials may be made to Grinnell General Hospital or the Iowa Federation of the Blind.

The daughter of Charles and Elnora Schrock Davisson, she was born Jan. 30, 1902, near Battie, Kan. she later moved with her family to a farm near Burr Oak, Kan., where she was raised. She as a 1917 graduate of Burr Oak High School.

She worked as a housekeeper for a year, then attended McPherson College, McPherson, Kan., and received her teaching certificate. She taught in rural schools. She returned to McPherson and received her B.A. in 1927. She taught high school at Trescott and Hoxie, Kan., and later taught in Alexander and Dumont, Iowa.

She was married to Edward M. Schnell Nov. 30, 1941, in Dumont. They moved to a farm near Killduff where they remained until 1986 when they moved to an acreage near Grinnell. Mrs. Schnell had been a resident of the Mayflower since 1991.

She was a member of St. Andrews Lutheran Church near Sully and was a former 4-H leader and past member of the Richland Grange.

Surviving are her daughter, Ellene Renaud of Grinnell; two stepsons, Kenneth Schnell of Newton and Carrol Schnell of Sully; three sisters, Jessie Allen of St. Ansgar, Alberta Moore of Hampton and Miriam Griner of Dumont; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and one sister, Orpha Cuffel.

Edward M.