

H-R February 18, 1985  
Rites held for Miss Simmons

Lillian Simmons, 84, of 416 Park St. died Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 13, at St. Francis Manor.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Robert C. Smith of the Grinnell First Baptist Church officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner, and pallbearers were Harold Brown, Mike Fitzgerald, Don Souter, Bill Weeks, Willard Wells and Lyle Wiley.

Burial was in the Masonic Cemetery in Des Moines.

Memorials in Miss Simmons' name may be made to the Estral Education Fund or to the Lucille Simmons Scholarship Fund at Upper Iowa College.

Born Feb. 7, 1901, in Dunklin County, Mo., she was the adopted daughter of the Rev. William and Ida Rayburn Simmons. She graduated from Bent County High School in Los

Animas, Colo., in 1919. She received her A.A. degree from Hardin College in Mexico, Mo., and A.B. degree from Ellsworth college in Iowa Falls, and an A.M. degree from Drake University in Des Moines.

Following her education, she served as a teacher and principal in many Iowa school systems. She taught at Newburg and became a teacher in Grinnell following the consolidation of the Grinnell and Newburg school systems. She retired from public education in 1966 and became a member of the English Department at Upper Iowa College in Fayette. Miss Simmons returned to Grinnell in August 1973.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Grinnell and was a life member of the Iowa Teachers Association. She was also past worthy matron of the Order of Eastern Star in Gilman and Fayette and was a member of the Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club and the American Legion Auxiliary. She was elected to membership in Kappa Delta Pi and Delta Kappa Gamma.

She is survived by her brother, Dr. R.R. Simmons of Custer, S.D., and was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, the Rev. W.E. Simmons.