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Florence A. Smith
Florence A. Smith, 89, died
Friday, Aug. 4, at the
Mayflower Home Health Care
Center.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Raymond C. Lott officiating. Organist will be Kathleen Hueffner, and vocalist will be Marvin E. Kelley. Pallbearers will be Edmund Gose, Brian Smith, Dr. David M. Smith, John R. Smith, William D. Smith and Dr. Walter W. Stidwell.

Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Human Needs Fund of the Mayflower Home or to the Grinnell United Methodist Church.

She was the daughter of Earl Lansing and Lura Edna Anderson Henderson and was born on the Anderson farm west of Jefferson March 17, 1900. She attended Jefferson Schools, graduating from Jefferson High School in 1919. She attended Iowa State University for two years and received her teaching certificate.

She taught home economics at Martinsdale schools for two years and also served as principal. She was married to Orville Dale Smith June 20, 1923, at her parents' home west of Jefferson. The couple lived in Indianola for two years before coming to Grinnell in the fall of 1925 where they owned and operated Smith Furniture and Undertaking Co., which later became the Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Smith was a member of Grinnell United Methodist Church, Beulah Chapter No. 47 of Order of Eastern Star, the Priscilla Club, Pi Rho Lambda, and Chapter J.B. of the P.E.O.

Following the death of her husband in 1968, she continued to live at the family home until moving to the Mayflower Home in June 1982.

She is survived by two sons, Robert D. of Grinnell and O. Eugene of Colorado Springs, Colo.; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and twin sisters, Dorothy Gose and Doris Stidwell, both of Jefferson.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; and a sister, Sadie Henderson.