

H-R January 29, 1981
Ida Thomas memorial set

(David H.)

Ida Anne Thomas, 97, of the Mayflower Home died Tuesday evening at the Mayflower Health Care Center, Jan 27.

A memorial service will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the United Church of Christ—Congregational. The Rev. Philip J. Ramstad will officiate.

Following cremation, her ashes will be buried at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery at Lime Springs. Should friends desire, memorials in Mrs. Thomas' name may be made to the church or to the Mayflower Home and be sent to the Smith Funeral Home.

The daughter of John H. and Catharine Williams Jones, she was born June 11, 1883, in Howard County. She attended rural school near her family home and later graduated from Lime Springs High School. She graduated from Northwestern University's School of Speech in 1902.

Following her education, she taught rural school and also taught in the Chester school system.

On June 27, 1906, she was married to David H. Thomas at her parents' home in Howard County. The couple made their home in Lime Springs until

1924 when they moved to Storm Lake. In 1925, they moved to Grinnell. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas moved to Edwards Hall of the Mayflower Home in 1955. Since 1972, Mrs. Thomas had lived at the Health Care Center.

She was a member of the United Church of Christ—Congregational, and she was active on the association and conference levels of the church. She served as dean of girls at the Young People's Conferences of the Congregational Christian Churches during the 1940s. She was also a member of the Tuesday Club, the Historical and Literary Club, the J.B. Chapter of the P.E.O., and the Order of Eastern Star.

Survivors include her daughter, Gwendolyn Rusk of Des Moines; six grandchildren; her brother, J. Herbert Jones of Billings, Mont.; and two sisters, Catherine Jones of Santa Anna, Calif., and Eleanor Olsen of Santa Barbara, Calif. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; three children, David Thomas Jr., Theodore Thomas and Alice Leech; two brothers and four sisters.