Elsie Thompson

Dies Sunday

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Elsie May Thompson, 74, of Van Nuys Calif. and fam.

Elsie May Thompson, 74, of Van Nuys, Calif., and formerly of Grinnell, died Sunday morning (April 28) in Van Nuys.

Mrs. Thompson was born Jan. 26, 1900, in Johns, Ia. She was married to John Henry Thompson in Des Moines on Mar. 22, 1919. The couple had three children, Arthur Louis Thompson of Woodland Hills, Calif.; Mrs. Stanley (Mildred E. (Barnum of Mountain View, Mo.; and James Allen Thompson, who died in infancy.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson lived in Des Moines. They moved to Grinnell in 1922, where Mr. Thompson was a baker at Grinnell College. The couple moved to Detroit, Mich., in 1942, returning to Grinnell in 1947 and opening the Thompson Bakery on Broad Street. They retired in 1960 and moved to California.

Mrs. Thompson was a Past Worthy Matron of Beulah Chapter No 47 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her son and daughter, and one halfsister, Ida Halk of Cherry Valley, Ark.

Mrs. Thompson was preceded in death by her husband on April 14, 1967, and her son in 1927.

Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Thompson are pending at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Friends may call there beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday (April 30).