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Mary Thompson Rites Saturday

Mrs. Mary F. Thompson, 80, of 1011 West St., the widow of A. C. Thompson, died Wednesday noon at Grinnell General Hospital. She had been hospitalized the past month.

The daughter of Lafayette and Emma Princehouse Gilfillan, she was born on June 27, 1890, south of Grinnell. She was a night telephone operator for many years in Grinnell and had been honored as state fire queen for two years in recognition of her service to the Grinnell fire and police departments on handling telephone calls.

On March 17, 1928, she was married to Arthur C. Thompson in Des Moines. They had made their home in Grinnell since that time, and Mr. Thompson was the owner of the former Antler's Hotel in Grinnell. He later worked at the Monroe Hotel as desk clerk.

Mrs. Thompson is survived by her nephew Lester Harris of Grinnell, as well as several grandnieces and grand-nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1957, and three sisters, Mrs. Anna Belle Caruthers, Mrs. Alec (Minnie) Harris and Mamie Viola Gilfillan (who died in infancy).

Funeral services for Mrs. Thompson will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. J. Eugene Young, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist church, and the Rev. Vernon L. Smith, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, officiating. Organist will be Mrs. Willard Heffner, and vocalist will be Gordon Van Donselaar. Pallbearers will be Donovan Evans, Warren Miller, Jerry Phipps, Glen Schafer, Alvin Sheeler and Clair Strand. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery. Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home.

(Arthur C.)