

H-R Sept. 22, 1988

Rites held for Ruth L. Ward

(DANIEL)

Ruth L. Ward, 76, of the Mayflower Home died of a heart ailment Monday, Sept. 19, at Mercy Hospital Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the United Church of Christ-Congregational, with the Rev. Ben F. Hearn Jr. of the Mayflower Home officiating. Organist was Alice Renaud, and vocalist was Tim Conn.

Pallbearers were Harold Badger, Danny Badger, Bill Dimit, Greg Dimit, Donald Roof Sr. and L. Glenn Thompson. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The daughter of John F. and Lissette Krauss Schaefer, she was born April 4, 1912, in Amana. The family moved to Cedar Rapids where she received her education and attended Coe College.

She was married June 26, 1932, to Daniel P. Ward in Cedar Rapids. They retired to Grinnell in 1976.

She was an author, poet and women's activist. She had written newspaper columns and contributed to Iowa Woman magazine. A member of the national Organization of Women (NOW), she was recognized by the local chapter as Feminist of the Year in 1984. She was recipient of the Outstanding Older Iowan Award in 1983.

Ms. Ward was a member of the Amana Heritage Society, the Grinnell Historical Museum Auxiliary, the Historical and Literary Club, the Poweshiek Council on Aging, the Grinnell Area Arts Council, the national Organization of Women, the Grinnell League of Women Voters and the United Church of Christ-Congregational.

There are no immediate survivors. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.