

Laura Wieman

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Laura Wolcott Matlack Wieman, 84, of 1510 East St., Grinnell, died of cancer Tuesday, Sept. 2, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Grinnell. The body has been donated to the University of Iowa College of Medicine. The Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

She was born July 9, 1913, in Grinnell, the daughter of Henry William and Merta Rebecca Johnson Matlack. She was a 1931 graduate of Grinnell High School and a 1935 graduate of Grinnell College, receiving a degree in art. She did graduate study at Iowa State University, the University of Colorado and the University of Oregon.

In 1960 she earned an M.F.A. degree from Southern Illinois University. She taught art in public schools in Des Moines, Geneseo, Ill., and Grinnell.

On Sept. 11, 1948, she was married to Henry Nelson Wieman in

Grinnell. From 1964 to 1985 she was the slide librarian for the Grinnell College Art Department, and from 1970 to 1996 she taught weaving at the college.

Mrs. Wieman served as president of both the League of Women Voters and the United Nations Association of Poweshiek County. She was a member of the American Civil Liberties Union, Peace Links, Entre Nous, the Bridge Club and Unitarian Universalists. She also was a member of the Grinnell College Alumni Board of Directors and a volunteer at the Iowa Peace Institute.

Surviving are one sister, Mary Elma Matlack Davenport of Grinnell; two stepsons, Orr Wieman of Corvallis, Ore., and Robert Wieman of Athens, Ohio; and two stepdaughters, Marion Handlon of Durham, N.C., and Kendra Smith of Berkeley, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one brother, David Johnson Matlack; three sisters, Margaret Westgate Matlack Kiesel, Jane Fairbanks Matlack Rutherford and Helen Constance Matlack Wieman; and one stepdaughter, Florence W. Charles.

Memorials may be directed to the Iowa Peace Institute or Grinnell Regional Hospice.