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**Hazel Watt, vice president of
Herald-Register, dies at 90**



Hazel E. Watt

Hazel E. Watt, 90, vice president of the The Herald-Register Publishing Co., died early Tuesday morning, Sept. 16, after a brief illness.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Raymond Lott officiating. A private interment at Hazelwood Cemetery will precede the service.

Music will be by Kathleen Heffner. Pallbearers will be Peter Collinge and Janet Collinge, Rochester, N.Y.; Dr. Jody Collinge, Saratoga, N.Y.; Sally Elk, Philadelphia, Pa.; James Elk, Bar Harbor, Maine; Rob Elk, New York, N.Y.; Joe Pinder, Worcester, Mass.; Peggy Pinder, Grinnell; Jeanne Pinder, New York, N.Y.; Anne Pinder, Madrid, Spain; Lawrence W. Pinder, Brooklyn, N.Y.; and Martha Pinder, Chicago, Ill., all grandchildren.

A memorial service also will be held at 1 p.m. Monday in Denison Chapel, the Mayflower Home.

She was born Oct. 19, 1895, in Villisca, the daughter of Gustave and Estella Olive Swanson Erickson. She was a graduate of Cornell College, Mount Vernon, and served on the college's alumni board for

over six years. She had also studied at Columbia University, New York, N.Y. Following her graduation from Cornell, she taught English and history at Villisca High School.

On July 20, 1920, she was married to Lawrence Barton Watt, also a native of Villisca, and they resided in Des Moines before moving to Storm Lake where they lived for 22 years and where she also taught school. After moving to Grinnell in 1944 when Mr. Watt became publisher of the Grinnell Herald-Register, she wrote book reviews and travel articles. In 1979 she became a resident of the Mayflower Home where she was active in its many programs.

Mrs. Watt was a member of the United Methodist Church; the United Methodist Women, of which she was past president; Chapter BM, P.E.O.; Pi Rho Lambda; Levart Club; and Entre Nous. She was a member of the board of directors, as well as vice president, of The Herald-Register Publishing Co.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and one sister. She is survived by three daughters, Dorothy W. Pinder of Grinnell, Elizabeth Elk of Storm Lake and Mary Ellen Collinge of Rochester, N.Y.; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a sister, Frances Coffin, Omaha, Neb.

Memorials have been established at the Mayflower Home, the United Methodist Church, Stewart Library and Grinnell General Hospital.

Office to close

The Herald-Register will close at 10:30 a.m. Saturday for the funeral for Hazel E. Watt, company vice president.

The newspaper will open for business as usual at 8 a.m. on Monday.

Lawrence B.