

## Obituary-Florence Gulick

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Miss Florence Gulick, a life-long State Center resident, passed away Saturday evening at the State Center Manor where she had been a patient for the past three and a half years. Born on Oct. 27, 1882 at State Center, a daughter of Isaac and Annette Easton Gulick, she received her education here and at Iowa State Teachers College of Cedar Falls. She taught school in rural Marshall County, Melbourne, Eagle Grove and from 1910 until 1952 in the local schools prior to her retirement. She was a member of United Methodist Church, Cleo chapter OES, No. 303 for 57 years and the D.A.R.

Surviving are two cousins, Mrs. Mary McGrath, of Eagle Grove and Mrs. Mary Pitzer of Encampment, Wyoming.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the United Methodist Church in charge of Rev. Kermit Gladfelder. Burial followed at Hillside Cemetery.

(Shirley's note: Miss Gulick was another of those teachers who had a lot of influence on many local students. Her last year of teaching was the year before I entered junior high, so my class was the first not to have her. If we would have had her, I would have been a 3rd-generation student as my father; Floyd Clark had her, as did my grandmother, Pearl Bence Clark. Because she was such a disciplinarian, she got a reputation for being a tough teacher, but when her students look back, most of them are thankful. Florence was quite involved in the State Center High School Alumni and spent hours sending out the annual banquet invitations and even more hours working on the alumni directories. Every spring as I'm working on the alumni mailings, I can almost see her sitting at her card table in the front room working on those tasks. And, remember, she wasn't privy to computers for entering the data nor the internet to look up people on the phone book sites or the social security death index. The one advantage she had over us now-a-days is that people moved less and she probably knew how to contact someone who would know the latest address of the "lost" graduate.)