

Monday, January 4, 1965

Mrs. Lillian Abel Succumbs Here To Long Illness

Mrs. Lillian Abel, 87, widow of Burdette A. Abel, died early Saturday at a local hospital where she had been a patient for nearly five years. She had been in failing health the last seven years.

Services were held this afternoon (Monday) from the Smith

Funeral Home with the Rev. Wayne Shireman, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Organ music was provided by Ed Bohstedt.

Pallbearers were W. G. Greenwald, Harlan Dare, Grinnell Dunham, J. C. Parrott, Raymond Pilgrim, and C. M. Pilgrim. Burial was in Hazelwood cemetery. Those desiring may contribute to the First Baptist church memorial fund.

She was born on Aug. 18th, 1877, in Louisa county, Iowa, the eldest child of John W. and Euterpia Orr Patton. She grew up in southern Iowa and attended Iowa State College in Cedar Falls. She taught in the elementary grades of the Washington, Des Moines and Grinnell public schools.

On July 11th, 1911, she was united in marriage with Burdette A. Abel, who preceded her in death on April 14th, 1930. To this union were born four daughters: Mrs. LeRoy (Mary) Harding of Brownwood, Tex., Mrs. Leonard (Elizabeth) Lawrence of Klamath, Calif., Mrs. Donovan (Patty) Evans and Mrs. Harold (Anna May) Brown, both of Grinnell.

When a young girl, Mrs. Abel joined the Associate Presbyterian church at Washington, Iowa, where she retained her membership until death. She had been closely associated with the First Baptist church in Grinnell for many years. Mrs. Abel was very active in Farm Bureau and 4-H work and served as a 4-H leader and as county chairman of the women's work for a number of years. She was also a member of the Thursday Club and the Friendship Community Club.

In addition to her four daughters, she is survived by a stepson, Burdette F. Abel of Grinnell; 15 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and brother and a sis-

ter, S. B. Patton and Miss Della Patton, both of Santa Ana, Calif.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, two sisters, and one step daughter, Mrs. Carl (Mina) Imhoff.