

Nettie Bell services held

Nettie Bell, 78, of 123 E. Second St. S., Newton, died Tuesday, March 8, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the First Christian Church of Newton, with the Rev. Ray Barnett officiating. Burial was at Newton Union Cemetery.

The daughter of Samuel and Mary Bowie Drake, she was born Sept. 10, 1904, in Eldon. She was married to George Thompson in September 1932 and to Ira Bell in February 1949.

A former Jasper County rural schoolteacher, Mrs. Bell

was a member of the First Christian Church.

She is survived by two sons, Robert Thompson of Gilman and Lowell Thompson of Grinnell; a daughter, Ann Schuele of Naperville, Ill.; a stepdaughter, Ruby Bollhoefer of West Chicago, Ill.; two stepsons, Max Beil of Boone and Edgar Bell of Des Moines; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, George Thompson; and her second husband, Ira Bell.