

Rites held for Mrs. Bennink

Thelma Mae Bennink, 73, of Newton, formerly of Grinnell, died Thursday, April 16, at Skiff Medical Center in Newton following a stroke.

Funeral services were conducted at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the First Christian Church in Newton, with the Rev. Ray Barnett officiating. Burial was in Newton Memorial Park Cemetery, with the Wallace-Pence Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

She was born on Feb. 21, 1914, at Sidney, Mo., the daughter of Obid O. and Vernie L. Bachman Butler. She was a production worker at the Maytag Co., retiring in 1974 after 23 years. She had lived in Grinnell most of her life.

She was married to Rufus Bennink on June 23, 1979, in Newton. Mrs. Bennink was a member of the First Christian Church, where memorials in her name may be made. She was also a member of the U.A.W. retirees union.

She is survived by her husband, Rufus of Newton; four stepsons, Carroll L. of Des Moines, Rodney J. of Omaha, Neb., Norman L. of Ankeny and Robert M. of Churdan; one stepdaughter, Dorothy Keitner of Nevada; and 12 step-grandchildren and 10 step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Velma Fay Smith Mendenhall.