

Saturday Services Held For Mrs. Willard Benson

H-R Sept 29, 1958

Funeral services were held Saturday from the Kellogg Methodist church for Mrs. Willard Benson, 68, a life-long resident of the Kellogg area. She passed away in a local hospital Wednesday evening.

Rev. Floyd Newbrough, pastor of the church, conducted the services. Burial was in Newton Memorial Gardens.

She was born on May 9, 1890 northeast of Kellogg, the daughter of Calvin and Mary Ellis. Educated in Jasper county schools, she married Willard Benson in Kellogg on Feb. 27, 1903. Five sons and four daughters were born to this union.

She was a member of the Methodist church and Women's Society of Christian Service in Kellogg. She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Kenneth, who died in Germany in 1945 during World War II.

Surviving her are her husband, four daughters: Mrs. Myrtle Callison of Kellogg, Mrs. Clifford White of Newton, Mrs. George Thompson of Newton and Mrs. Dwight Taylor of Grinnell; four sons: Glen, Merle and Louis, all of Kellogg, and Ronald of Grinnell; three half sisters: Mrs. John Klein of Newton, Mrs. Jack Cox of California and Mrs. Warren Koon of Harrisburg, Pa.; four half brothers: Walter and Jess Ellis of Mingo, Theodore Ellis of Marshalltown and Willard Ellis of California; 32 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.