

Mrs. Bitcon, 61, Lifelong Resident Dies

H-R Oct 28, 1954

Mrs. Velma Pearl Bitcon, native and lifelong resident of Poweshiek county and the Grinnell area died at a Grinnell hospital Wednesday, Oct. 27. She was 61 years old.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon, Oct. 29, at two o'clock from Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Rev. C. E. Kingsley, pastor of the First Baptist church, assisted by Rev. T. W. Stark officiating. Burial will be at Hazelwood cemetery.

Daughter of M. M. and Dollie Evans Gregson. Mrs. Bitcon was born Sept. 20, 1893 near Searsboro. She spent most of her lifetime in the Blue Point and Grinnell areas.

She was married Dec. 21, 1911 to William Bitcon. Mrs. Bitcon was united early in life with the Friends church in Blue Point community and also worked with relatives in the Baptist Group.

She had been in ill health for about two years and entered a local hospital last May.

Surviving are her husband, Wm., of Grinnell; a son, Raymond of Mason City; her mother, Mrs. Dollie Gregson; three sisters, Mrs. John Peterson, Mrs. Ada Sergeant and Mrs. Harold Dimit, all of Grinnell. One niece, several nephews and friends also survive.

Preceding her in death were her father and one sister, Grace.

At the final rites Ross Wyss will be soloist and Ed Bohstedt, organist. Casket bearers will be George Board, Carl Tokle, Lavene Kline, Harry Bacon, Harry Morrison and Rolla Whitaker.

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Mrs. Bitcon died October 27 at a Grinnell hospital following a lengthy illness. She was 61 years old.

Mrs. Edward Bohstedt and Ross Wyss were musicians at the last rites and casketbearers were George Board, Harry Bacon, Lavene Kline, Carl Tokle, Harry Morrison and Rolla Whitaker. Burial was at Hazelwood cemetery.

Born near Searsboro, Sept. 20, 1893, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Gregson, she was married to William Bitcon on

Dec. 21, 1911. She was a member of Friends church at Blue Point.

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