

For 63 Years, Mrs. A. J. Blakely Lived In This Vicinity

Elizabeth Sulser, second daughter of Ulrich and Marguerita (Zala) Sulser, was born in Azmoos, Canton of St. Gallen, Switzerland, on March 28, 1863. When two years of age she came to America with her parents and lived in or near Rock Island, Ill., until 1877, when the Sulser family moved to Grinnell and settled in the Maple Grove Community on the farm now occupied by George Hyde.

Elizabeth Sulser became a member of the Grinnell Congregational church in 1885. She was united in marriage to A. J. Blakely on April 12, 1888. To this union were born five children, Mary Lavinia, who died in 1894, Judson, Margaret, Esther, who died in 1898, and Helen. Mr. Blakely died on January 30, 1922. She is also survived by two granddaughters and one grandson, Virginia, Harriett and Robert Blakely; also by two brothers, M. A. Sulser of Portland, Ore., and W. U. Sulser, Sr., of Des Moines; and four sisters, Mrs. L. M. Smith of Fullerton, Calif., Mrs. P. H. Pilgrim and Mrs. John Evans of Grinnell and Mrs. J. H. Parrott of Omaha, Nebr.; and 18 nephews and nieces.

Her father, mother, one brother, A. J. Sulser, and one sister, Mrs. E. S. Pilgrim of Grinnell preceded her in death.

She passed away in her sleep early on the morning of Oct. 22, 1940. Funeral services were held in the home, 1409 Main street, at 1:30 p. m. Thursday, Oct. 24 conducted by Rev. L. W. Mann, assisted by Rev. Albert S. Kilbourn of Eagle Grove, a distant relative of her husband and a friend of many years.

The Grinnell college male quartet sang two selections: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" and "Abide with Me."

Six nephews C. L. Pilgrim, R. S. Pilgrim and C. M. Pilgrim of Grinnell, W. U. Sulser, Jr., C. S. Sulser and H. S. Evans of Des Moines were pallbearers. Burial was in Hazelwood cemetery.