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## Wilma Breese dies in Calif.

Wilma Pearl Couper Breese, 66, of San Jose, Calif., and formerly of Grinnell, died early Wednesday morning, July 16, 1975, at O'Connor Hospital in San Jose.

The daughter of William A. and Lillie Aldrich Couper, Mrs. Breese was born Sept. 26, 1908, in Grinnell. She attended Grinnell public schools.

Mrs. Breese lived in Oklanoma with her family for a few years in her early childhood and then returned to Grinnell. She was married to Harold T. Breese of Newton on Feb. 3, 1929, to his marriage two children, Donald and Carol, were born.

Following her marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Breese farmed south of Grinnell and later farmed west of Montezuma. They moved to Grinnell in 1943. Mrs. Breese worked at the Ben Franklin Store and R & I Fabric for 15 years until her health failed. Mr. Breese was co-owner of the John Deere

Store and later Massey-Ferguson Implement in Grinnell. The couple moved to California in 1974.

Survivors include her husband, Harold; her two children—Donald Lee Breese of San Jose, Calif., and Mrs. Vernon (Carol) Gibson of Prudenville, Mich.; two grandchildren—Clinton Jay Gibson and Susan Gay Gibson, both of Prudenville; seven sisters and brothers—Mrs. Emma Petersen Diehl of Mansfield, Mo.; Mrs. Verna Lunn and Mrs. Zoniema Buchmeier of Grinnell; Albert Couper of Laconia; Richard D. Couper of Newton; Mrs. Harry Ho. Museman of Sedalia, Mo.; and James Couper of Newton; two uncles—Ernest Couper of Spirit Lake; and Dee Aldrich of Okemah, Okla.; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Services for Mrs. Harold Breese will be held 1 p.m. Monday, July 21, at the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. John McCallum, minister of the Grinnell United Methodist church, officiating.

Burial will be made in the Vest Liberty Cemetery west of Montezuma, Iowa.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home.

## Wilma Breese services held

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. today (July 21) for Wilma Pearl Couper Breese, 66, of San Jose, Calif., who died early Wednesday morning in San Jose. July 16, 1975

The Rev. John W. McCallum, minister of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiated at the services held at the Smith Funeral Home.

Organist was Mrs. Willard Heffner; pallbearers were Ralph Buchmeier, Randy Couper, Richard E. Couper, Tom Couper, Robert Falck, and Harry Peterson.

Burial was in West Liberty Cemetery west of Montezuma.

Surviving are two children, Donald Lee Breese of San Jose and Mrs. Vernon (Carol) Gibson of Prudenville; two grandchildren; six brothers and sisters including Mrs. Verna Lunn and Mrs. Wniema Buchmeier of Grinnell; two uncles and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mrs. Breese was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Albert Couper, who died in August, 1974.