

Thursday, May 8, 1969

Mrs. Caruthers Services Friday

(Neal)

Mrs. Anna Belle Caruthers, age 85, of 1011 West St., the widow of Neal Caruthers, died late Tuesday evening at Grinnell General Hospital West. She had been in failing health the past two months as a result of a fall in her home. The daughter of Lafayette and Emma Princehouse Gilfillan, Mrs. Caruthers was born north of Grinnell on June 1, 1883. She was employed for a time with the Interior Telephone Co. in Grinnell and also for a Newton Telephone Co.

In 1929 she was married to Neal Caruthers in Joplin, Mo. Since their marriage, she has lived in Grinnell. She was a member of the United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Caruthers is survived by a step-daughter, Mrs. Hubert (Neala) Gilbert of Keosauqua, Ia.; one step-grandchild and one step great-grandchild. Also surviving is her sister, Mrs. A. C. (Mary) Thompson of Grinnell; a nephew, Lester Harris of Indianola, Ia.; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Harry VanDerLinden of Oskaloosa; and several grandnieces and nephews. Mrs. Caruthers was preceded in death by her husband, Neal in 1950 and two sisters, Mrs. Alec (Minnie) Harris and Mamie Viola Gilfillan, who passed away in infancy.

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Belle Caruthers will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday (May 9) at the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. J. Eugene Young, minister of the Grinnell United Methodist church officiating.

Organist will be Mrs. Willard Heffner. Pallbearers will be Clark Brink, Donovan Evans, Orrie Haag, Virgil Johnson, Henry Pawlak and Charles Vogel.

Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.