

Monday, July 4, 1960

Allie Chedester Funeral Services Held Saturday

Funeral services for Allie Bell Chedester, 82, were held Saturday afternoon from the James-Schalinske Funeral Home with Dr. G. S. Bruland, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating. Mrs. Chedester died Thursday at a local hospital following a short illness.

Vocal music at the services was provided by Mrs. Lester Hendrickson and Mrs. Harlan Dare, accompanied by Mrs. Kathleen Heffner at the organ. Pallbearers were her grandsons, Charles Chedester, Jack Chedester, Max Chedester, Glenn Chedester, Garald Foster and Floyd Hunter. Interment was in Hazelwood cemetery.

The first of eight children of Charles Henry and Carrie Legg Kingdon, she was born on a farm near Malcom on Nov. 27th, 1877. She was a graduate of Grinnell high school in 1897.

In 1898 she was married to William Eli Chedester, who preceded her in death. To this union were born four children: Mrs. Ray (Edith) Foster, Brainard F. Chedester, Guerdon E. Chedester, and Mrs. Richard Lois Hunter.

In the early years of their married life they operated cheese factories in several rural communities but soon settled down to farming. The greater number of years was spent on a farm south of Grinnell where the children grew up and north of town in the Sonora neighborhood where they lived until Mar. 1, 1944 when they were forced by ill health to give up farming.

Mrs. Chedester joined the Episcopal church when a small girl and later the Methodist church in Grinnell where she was a member of the Woman's Society and Circle. She and her husband were charter members of the Westfield Grange and were instrumental in organizing Sonora Grange.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, five sisters and brothers, one grandson, a great grandson and a great granddaughter.

Besides her four children, she is survived by 11 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. W. C. French of Grinnell and Mrs. T. H. Renwick of Tracy, Calif., and several nieces and nephews.