

H-R December 5, 1977
Christiansen rites today

(Lawrence)

Helen Irene Fern Christiansen, 79, of Rte. 4, Grinnell, died Saturday morning at Grinnell General Hospital. Dec. 3

Funeral services for Mrs. Christiansen were held at 1 p.m. today at the Grinnell Christian Church, with the Rev. John C. Epperson officiating. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The daughter of Fred and Lena Eilertson Cornell, she was born Aug. 26, 1898, at Lisbon, Ill. Following the death of her father, she moved to the Malcom area with her mother, where she attended rural school.

On Jan. 11, 1921, she was married to Lawrence Christiansen. Following their marriage, they lived on the family farm southeast of Grinnell until Mr. Christiansen's death on Nov. 13, 1922.

Following her husband's death, she returned to the farm

and lived with her mother and stepfather, Herman Larsen. Since 1949, she had lived with her brother, Donald Larsen.

She was baptized in the Lutheran faith and later became a member of the Madison Church of Christ. She was a charter member of the Grinnell Christian Church and was active in the women's fellowship of the church. She taught Sunday school at Grant No. 7 and was a member of the Harmony Ladies Aid. She was also a member of the W.A.W. Club.

Survivors include two sisters and one brother, Mrs. Henry (Louise) Neister, Mrs. Delmar (Mae) Stewart, and Donald Larsen, all of Grinnell. She was preceded in death by her parents, her stepfather, her husband, and one brother, Ernest Larsen.

Should friends desire, memorials in Mrs. Christiansen's name may be made to the Grinnell Christian Church.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Martindale and Mr. and Mrs. Gail Wheeler.

Pallbearers were Aaron Corbin, Rodney Criswell, John Green, Dale Larsen, Duane Larsen, Darwin Rader, Jerry Schneider and Roger Stewart.

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