

Bessie Jane Cooper

(MARVIN)

Bessie Jane Cooper, 85, of Grinnell died Thursday, Feb. 13, at St. Francis Manor.

Funeral services were conducted Monday morning at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Bruce Feuerbach, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Organist was Teresa Thompson, and soloist was the Rev. Ken Fields. Pallbearers were Ron, Jim, Randy and Mike Cooper, and Jeff and Joel Niday. Burial was in Rock Creek Cemetery.

The daughter of Charles and Nancy Morrow Dick, she was born May 21, 1911, in Monticello, Ky., where she was raised and received her education.

She was married to Marvin Cooper Nov. 21, 1927, in Huntsville, Tenn., and the couple moved to Grinnell in 1930. They moved to Rock Creek Township in 1935 and operated a farm for many years. After her husband's death in 1977, Mrs. Cooper returned to Grinnell and most recently was a resident of St. Francis Manor.

She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church and was active with the Neighborly Neighbors for several years.

Surviving are three children, Mary Long and Charles Cooper, both of Grinnell, and Betty Niday of Lake St. Louis, Mo.; two sisters, Mary Stein of Union City, Ind., and Louetta Fields of Winchester, Ind.; one brother, Charles Thompson of Bronston, Ky.; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church or to St. Francis Manor.

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