

H-R March 17, 1983
Bessie Cooper services set

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Bessie Mae Cooper, 72, of 1524 Prairie St., Grinnell, died Tuesday evening, March 15, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m., Friday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Robert C. Smith of the First Baptist Church officiating.

Pallbearers will be members of her family, Arthur Cooper, Jimmy Rogers, Kenny Rogers, Bud Smothers, Sam Smothers and Tom Smothers. Burial will be at Hazelwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Cooper was born in Mississippi on May 30, 1910. She had lived in Grinnell since 1968.

She is survived by her husband, Shelby Cooper; her children, Doug Smothers of Vicksburg, Miss., Sam Smothers of Newton, Bud

Smothers of Kansas City, Kan., Lena Reed of Muscatine, Tom Smothers of Muscatine, Jewel Heath of Arkansas, and Jimmy and William Smothers; a stepson, Robert Cooper of Kellogg; 32 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; a sister Ottis Everett of Mississippi; and a brother, Virlien Lewis of Louisiana.

She was preceded in death by one great-grandson; a sister, Lois Pearson; and two brothers, Roy Lewis and Jessie Lewis.