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Mrs. Leo Downey Rites at Grinnell

Mrs. Leo E. Downey, 81, of Grinnell, a resident of Brooklyn for many years untif recently, died March 28 at a Grinnell hospital, following a lengthy illness. Her late husband, Charles F. Downey, was a Brooklyn rural mail carrier for many years.

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Graveside rites were conducted Monday at 11 a.m. at Grinnell's Hazelwood cemetery in charge of the Rev. Myrtle Lee of New Sharon.
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Leo Ethel Downey, daughter of Rachael Jane and Courtland Mitchell Thomas, was born on a farm near Searsboro, May 29, 1886. She received her education at St. Agatha school

for girls at Iowa City.

She was married to Charles F. Downey Sept. 18, 1904. Six children were born to the couple. Mrs. Downey was preceded in death by her husband, and two sons, Darrell, in infancy, and Glenn at age 20. She is survived by three sons and a daughter. They are: Eugene of Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Wayne (Doris) Keller of Adel; Dean of Des Moines; and Gerald of Arcadia, Calif. Also surviving are a sister, Mrs. Lela Ziersis of New York, N. Y., 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.