

MARCH 14, 1968

Tuesday Rites For

Mrs. Stella Gillis

Funeral services for Mrs. Stella Gillis were conducted by the Rev. Howard Hayes Tuesday afternoon at the Steffy Funeral Home. The organist was Miss Alice Underwood.

Casket bearers were Ed Fisher, C. R. Ayres, Max Broscha, F. R. Brownell, Joe Alexander and Hilbert Beebe. Interment was in Jackson Township Cemetery.

Mrs. Gillis, 88, died Saturday, March 9, in Mahaska Hospital at Oskaloosa.

Stella, daughter of Elinor and Moses Bone, was born near Montezuma on Dec. 30, 1879.

In her youth she attended rural school and cared for her ailing mother.

On Oct. 10, 1900, she was united in marriage with David Gillis. To this union three children were born. Their entire married life was spent in Montezuma. After the death of her husband in 1952, Mrs. Gillis maintained her home until her health failed. For the past 18 months she has been cared for in a nursing home.

She was a life-long member of the Methodist Church and an active member of the Pythian Sisters and the Wisner Circle.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and six sisters.

She is survived by her two daughters, Mrs. Louise Monroe of Des Moines and Mrs. Frances Byers of Marshalltown; one son, Richard Gillis of Des Moines; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.