

Monday, September 19, 1966

Mrs. Grace Harter Dies Saturday; Services Today

Mrs. Grace B. Harter, 79, wife of John H. Harter, of Rte. 1, Grinnell, died early Saturday morning at a Grinnell hospital, following hospitalization of four days.

Services were held this afternoon (Monday) from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Chester Custer, pastor of the Grinnell Methodist church, officiating. Organ music was provided by Mrs. Willard Heffner.

Serving as pallbearers were Charles Foster, LeRoy Foster, Orville Foster, Paul Foster, Clair Erwin and Bernard Hotchkin. Burial was in Hazelwood cemetery.

The daughter of Benjamin and Anna Burch Foster, she was born north of Grinnell on a farm in Chester township on Feb. 24th, 1887. She was married to John H. Harter on Aug. 18th, 1906, at her parents' home in Hickory Grove township of Jasper county.

To this union were born five children, four of whom survive: Mrs. George (Edith) Bliven of Santa Cruz, Calif.; Mrs. Cecil (Grace) Allen of Des Moines; Mrs. Glen (Lucille) Richards of Tucson, Ariz.; and John J. Harter of Grinnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Harter farmed on several locations south of Grinnell for 30 years and in 1936 moved to their present home. They had just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this past month.

She is survived by her husband, John, at the family home; three daughters and one son; 11 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Also surviving are four brothers and one sister, Fenton, Ray, Roy, and Clarence Foster, all of Grinnell, and Mrs. W. J. (Elsie) Erwin of Marshalltown.

Preceding her in death were her parents; a son, Harold Eugene who died in infancy in 1930; and three grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by three sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Angie Clindin, Mrs. Hattie Mac Chenoweth, Mrs. Fannie Huff, and Ralph and Earl Foster.