

Alma Kirby rites Friday

3-1-1977

Alma M. Kirby, 81, of Newburg died Tuesday afternoon at St. Francis Manor.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Robert L. Hempel, pastor of the Newburg-Chester parish of the United Church of Christ-Congregational, officiating. Organist will be Kathleen Heffner. Burial will be at the Prairie View Cemetery, Gilman.

The daughter of Fred and Anna McClain Weaver, she was born July 27, 1895, near Sully. She attended rural schools near the family home. She lived with her family in the Gilman and Newburg communities.

On Dec. 20, 1916, she was married to Joseph L. Kirby. The couple had eight children. Mrs. Kirby was a member of the Newburg American Legion Auxiliary. She and her husband

had lived on farms in the Gilman and Newburg areas and had moved to Newburg in 1945.

She is survived by six children, Mrs. Virgil (Marvel) Adams of Rte. 2, Grinnell, Mrs. Weldon (Wanda) Gray of Pekin, Ill., Gerald Kirby of Cincinnati, Ohio, Rex Kirby of Newburg, Bernal Kirby of Iowa City, and Mrs. Vernon (Phyllis) Graham of Rte. 3, Grinnell; 16 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three brother, Frank Weaver of Lyons, Colo., John Weaver of Marshalltown, and Fred Weaver of Grinnell; and a sister, Mrs. Harold (Hazel) Stanley of Grinnell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Joseph, in 1971; two children, Dennis in infancy and Mrs. Muriel Phipps in 1964; and three brothers Howard, Harold and Elmer Weaver.

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Burial was at Prairie View Cemetery, Gilman.

Should friends desire, memorials in Mrs. Kirby's name may be made to the Newburg United Church of Christ-Congregational or to St. Francis Manor.