

Monday, February 2, 1969

Rites Wednesday For Dollie Matzen

Mrs. Mellivina Ethel (Dollie) Matzen, 86, the wife of John Matzen of 630 Park St., Grinnell, died suddenly Sunday morning at her home.

Mrs. Matzen was born April 1, 1882, at Jamestown, Tenn., the daughter of Dide and Sarah Koger Blevins, one of a family of 11 children. She attended the local schools near her home, and later was united in marriage with George Miller, who preceded her in death about 50 years ago.

The couple had seven children: Odie Blevins of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Marjorie Leaming of Des Moines; DeWitt Miller, who died at the age of 19; Mrs. Sarah Kelley of Houston, Texas; Mrs. James (Grace) Guifey of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Gerald (Ruby) Plether, deceased; and James Miller of Grinnell.

On August 15, 1943, she was united in marriage with John Matzen of Grinnell, and he, along with her five children, survives her. Mrs. Matzen is also survived by 20 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren, as well as one sister, Mrs. Jeff (Martha) Lair of Oskaloosa, and one brother, Cull Blevins of Parnell, Ky.

In addition to her first husband, a son, and a daughter, Mrs. Matzen was preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters—Charlie, Jim, Bossie, Candonia, Lottie, Ethel, Marjorie, and an infant sister.

Mrs. Matzen had done house-keeping and had worked in the WPA sewing center years ago. She had lived in Tennessee and Kentucky before moving to Grinnell in 1924. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Funeral services for Mrs. Matzen will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. J. Eugene Young, pastor of the First United Methodist church, officiating, as-

sisted by the Rev. Paul Leaming of Nashville, Tenn.

Organist will be Mrs. Willard Heffner, and vocalists will be Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Elliott. Casket bearers will be David Leaming, Ralph Higgins, Kyle Miller, Darrell Leaming, Glen Leaming, and James Faulk. Honorary casket bearers will be Truman Lynch, Floyd Beason, Bill Ahrens, Harry Hink, Jack Mathews, George Smith, Jack Norris, Carl Holt, Frank Webster, Art Hedeman, and Art Matzen.

Burial will be in Hazelwood cemetery, Grinnell. Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home.

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