

Monday, March 24, 1969

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Rites Today For Elizabeth Olson

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. today (Monday) at the United Church of Christ-Congregational for Mrs. Elizabeth (Lillie) Serena Olson, 94, the widow of Theodore Olson, who died Friday evening at Grinnell General Hospital East.

The Rev. Newell E. Davis, minister of the church, officiated. Organist was Norman Goodbrod. Pallbearers, all members of her family, were Dr. Thomas D. Gensler, Gerald Olson, Lloyd Olson, Wayne Olson, James Sherwood and Harvey Tindle.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Should friends desire, memorial contributions in memory of Mrs. Olson may be made to the Christian Home for Children in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The daughter of Ole and Anna Sandmark Figland, Mrs. Olson was born southeast of Grinnell on April 3, 1874. She attended the rural schools of the area and later, when her family moved to South Dakota, graduated from high school.

On March 8, 1894, she was married to Theodore Olson at her parents farm home southeast of Grinnell. To the couple were born four sons, two of whom survive—Omar L. Olson of Grinnell and Ernest T. Olson of Omaha, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. Olson continued to farm their land until moving to Grinnell and retiring in 1941. Mrs. Olson was a member of Harmony Ladies Aid, the Westfield Ladies Aid, and the WCTU, and a charter member of the Grandmothers' Club. She was a lifelong church worker and devoted many hours to the welfare of the Christian Home for Children in Council Bluffs.

Survivors include her two sons, seven grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and three great-grandsons.

Mrs. Olson was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore on Oct. 13, 1948; her two sons, Otto at the age of three and Clarence T. (Steve) in 1962; and two brothers and three sisters—Chester O. Figland, Lewis J. Figland, Mrs. Ed (Belle) Larsen, Mrs. Chris (Anna) Olson and Mrs. Magnus (Christiana) Bean.

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