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John Franklin

Miranda Rivers Succumbs Friday, Services Today

Mrs. Miranda Amelia Rivers, 89, Rte. 3, Grinnell, died early Friday evening at a local hospital. She had been hospitalized the past six days but had been in failing health for several years.

Funeral services were held this afternoon (Monday) from the Smith Funeral Home with Dr. G. S. Bruland, pastor of the Grinnell Methodist church, officiating. Organ music was provided by Mrs. Kathleen Heffner.

Serving as pallbearers were Verner Bolen, Iver Davis, Burdette Ford, Ross Mintle, Croft Pilgrim, and LaVerne Sandstrom. Interment was in Hazelwood cemetery.

The daughter of Clarence and Calista Goodrich Hamor, she was born in Malcom township on Dec. 1st, 1871. She received her education from the rural schools near her home and the Malcom public schools.

On Dec. 4th, 1889 in Grinnell she was united in marriage with John Franklin Rivers. To this union were born three children: Miss Ethyl Rivers and Walter Rivers, both at the family farm home, and Miss Genevieve Rivers of North Aurora, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Rivers farmed in the Newburg area for two years and then farmed her parents' farm southeast of Grinnell for seven years. They moved to the present family farm home in 1901.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1935 after 45 years of marriage.

Mrs. Rivers attended the Congregational church and belonged to the L.G.T. Club in her more active years.

She is survived by her three children; one brother, Jesse Hamor of Malcom; and a sister, Mrs. Will Spooner of Grinnell. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, as well as two brothers and one sister.