

Funeral Services For Mrs. Saunders Held Sunday

Ernest F.

The funeral of Mrs. Lillian M. Saunders was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Steffy Funeral Home with the Rev. Howard Hayes officiating. Miss Alice Underwood was the organist.

Interment was in Masonic-IOOF Cemetery with Don Crider, E. W. McNeil, Frank Wheeler, Roy Fleming, Joe Alexander and Wayne Fleming as casket bearers.

Lillian Allen Saunders, daughter of William L. and Sophronia Allen, was born near Alton, Kans., Nov. 5,

1877, and died at home Friday, Dec. 2, at the age of 89 years and 26 days.

About 1890, she came to Iowa with her parents and received her education in rural schools and Montezuma high school. She later taught in Poweshiek county rural schools.

On March 10, 1897, she was united in marriage to Ernest F. Saunders by Mrs. Melissa Terrill, the first regularly ordained woman minister in the county. Three daughters were born to this union: Mrs. Erma Putnam of Montezuma, Mrs. Letha Willcutt of Storm Lake and Mrs. Effie Duffus of Montezuma.

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders farmed near the Forest Home community until 1912 when they moved to Montezuma. They took an active interest in community affairs and church work. Mrs. Saunders taught a Methodist Sunday school class for many years and was a willing worker in the W.S.C.S. She was a charter member of the Monte-

zuma Mothers Club and attended the meetings faithfully until her health failed. She was a long-time member of the Pythian Sisters and served as Most Excellent Chief. She worked willingly in other organizations and gave generously of her time and energy.

Mrs. Saunders was preceded in death by her husband in 1953.

She is survived by the three daughters; four grandchildren: Mrs. Jo Ann Putnam Hall of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Mrs. Jenice Willcutt Sanders of Fargo, N. Dak., Robert Willcutt of Bloomington, Ind., and Mrs. Cyndy Duffus Garr of Newton. There are seven great-grandchildren: Steve, Sheila, and Greg Hall; Elizabeth and Rebecca Sanders and Amy and Todd Willcutt.

She is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Maude Ferguson of Waterloo; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Sam Allen, of Belgrade, Mont., and several nieces and nephews.