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Bertha Simmons  
Dies At Hospital  
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Mrs. Bertha Simmons, 55, wife of Bernard H. Simmons of Rte. 1, Grinnell, died Wednesday morning, Oct. 6, at Grinnell General hospital. She had been ill the past six months.

Mrs. Simmons was born Sept. 15, 1916, near Lynnville, the daughter of Dick and Rikie Swank Van Hall. She attended the Sully Christian School.

On Oct. 23, 1938, she was married to Bernard H. Simmons at Toledo. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons lived on the family farm, south of Grinnell ever since their marriage. Mr. Simmons was a member of the Oak Grove Friends church where she had taught Sunday School and held many church lay offices. She was also a member of the Oak Grove Ladies Aid Society.

Survivors include her husband, Bernard; a son, Jerry L. Simmons of Rte. 1, Grinnell; a daughter, Mrs. Ronald (Linda) Heishman, of Rte. 4, Grinnell; her mother, Mrs. Rikie Van Hall of Newton; three grandchildren — Tammie Sue Simmons, Richard Eugene and Beth Heishman; four sisters — Mrs. James (Jennie) Wilson of Kennett Square, Pa.; Mrs. George (Wilma) Manning of Newton, Mrs. Henry (Margaret) Spalink of Grand Rapids, Mich. and Mrs. Leland (Julia) Smith of Newton; one brother Richard Van Hall of Davenport, and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Simmons was preceded in death by her father in 1964.

Funeral services for Mrs. Bertha Simmons will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at the United Methodist Church in Grinnell with the Rev. Thomas Good, pastor of the Oak Grove Friends Church, officiating.

Music will be provided by Mrs. Willard Heffner, organist, and Gordon Van Donselaar, vocalist.

Pallbearers will be Norman Graham, Willie Laymiller, Warren Lincoln, Tom Lowry, Robert Otcheck and Harold Whitaker. Flower bearers will be Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Adkins and Mr. and Mrs. James Higdon.

Burial will be made in Westfield Cemetery.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made in Mrs. Simmons name to the Oak Grove Friends Church.

Friends may call the Smith Funeral Home.