

Lillie Skeels ^{H-R}
Rites Conducted ^{7/13/73}

Earl J.

Mrs. Lillie Rachel Skeels, 77, wife of Earl J. Skeels of 1013 Pearl St., died Friday morning at Grinnell General Hospital.

The daughter of M. Peter and Kirstin Rasmussen Hansen, Mrs. Skeels was born Feb. 17, 1896, in Oakland, Burt County, Neb. She received her education in Nebraska and came to Grinnell in 1915.

On July 5, 1917, she was married to Earl J. Skeels in Grinnell. The couple had one daughter, Miss Berniece Skeels of Grinnell.

Following their marriage, Mr. Skeels operated a blacksmith shop in the Skeels' Building at Fifth and Main Streets. Since his retirement, Mr. and Mrs. Skeels have continued to make their home in Grinnell.

Survivors include her husband, Earl; her daughter, Berniece; three nephews, and several cousins.

Mrs. Skeels was preceded in death by her parents; and one sister: Mrs. Anna Marie Simonsen who died November 6, 1971.

Funeral services for Mrs. Skeels were held at 1:30 this afternoon (Monday, July 16) at the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. John W. McCallum, minister of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating.

Organist was Mrs. Willard Heffner.

Pallbearers will be Ed Brand, Elmer Broders, John L. Hotchkin, John W. H. James, E.E. Kirby and Larry Reams.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.