

George Sr

**Cecile Smith ^{H.R.}
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Cecile Mary Smith, 83, of Grinnell, the widow of George Smith, died Monday evening, Oct. 16, at St. Francis Manor, following an illness of the past few years.

The daughter of A.B. and Martha Fleener Farmer, she was born Sept. 25, 1889, near Searsboro. She attended the rural schools and was later married to George Smith at Ewart Dec. 9, 1908. The couple had 10 children: Mrs. Clifford (Zelpha) Crews of Lynnville; Kenneth Smith of Searsboro; Dale Laverne "Jack" Smith who died in 1956; Max Smith of Grinnell; George Smith Jr. of Grinnell; Neil F. Smith, who died Oct. 12 of this year; Lyle Smith of Bellflower Calif.; Gene Smith of Grinnell; Mrs. John (Peggy) Harter of Grinnell; and Mrs. Doyle (Norma) Burkett of Grinnell. Mr. and Mrs. Smith came to Grinnell in 1931, where Mr.

Smith was employed by the Iowa Highway Commission. Mrs. Smith had been a member of the Blue Point Methodist Church and was a member of the Grinnell American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by her eight children, 19 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband George; her two sons; one grandchild, Charolette Kay Smith; and five brothers and three sisters, John Farmer, T.I. Farmer, Mandy Taylor, Ann Johnson, Lillie McFarlin, Addie Wolcott, and Pleasant Farmer, who died in infancy.

Funeral services for Mrs. Smith were held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. J. Eugene Young, minister of the Grinnell United Methodist Church officiating. Organist was Mrs. Willard Heffner, and flower bearers were Mrs. Dave Gale, Mrs. Dennis Moore, and Mrs. Dennis Porter. Pallbearers were Ricky Burkett, Arl Crews, Gary Harter, Ron Harter, Randy Smith, and Terry Smith.

Burial was in Lower Blue Point Cemetery south of Grinnell.