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Mable A. Tesser

Mable Adelaide Decatur, daughter of Samuel and Ovilla Decatur, was born June 4, 1885 in Jasper County, and passed away at her home near Grinnell January 16, 1955 following several months illness, at the age of 69 years, 7 months, and 12 days.

After attending school in Rock Creek Township, she was united in marriage April 24, 1907 to William W. Tesser. To this union were born three children; Floyd, deceased, Wilbur and Lela.

She had been a resident in and near Grinnell for the past forty seven years and had been an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Daughters of Union Veterans.

She was an active member of the First Baptist Church where she was baptized at an early age, and continued her activity, until her recent illness, in the Calvary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by an infant sister, Althea. Surviving her are her husband, William; two children, Wilbur of Des Moines, and Lela Dont of Kellogg; 5 grand children, Richard, Beverly and Michael Tesser, Karen and Shirley Dont. Also one sister, Mrs. Arthur Durr of Kellogg and 5 brothers Clarence, George, Lawrence, Herbert, and William Decatur of or near Grinnell and a host of friends and relatives.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 18 at the Smith Funeral Home with Rev. J. Lester Williams of the Calvary Baptist Church officiating and assisted by Rev. Issac Johnson, former pastor of the church. Mrs. J. Lester Williams sang "Face to Face" accompanied on the piano by Mr. James Severe. Pallbearers were Earl Cottrell, Paul Elliott, Max McDowell, Richard Sanders, Shirley Sisco, and Paul Worcester.

Burial was at the Hazelwood Cemetery.

(William W.)