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Monday, May 19, 1969

Mrs. Wertz Dies; Rites Wednesday

Mrs. Anna Bell Wertz, age 93, of the Hickory Grove neighborhood died at her home northwest of Grinnell late Sunday evening.

The daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Preston Bell, Mrs. Wertz was born March 31, 1876 in Hickory Grove Township, Jasper County. Later on March 13, 1901, she was united in marriage with George Wertz, and they made their home on a farm near Kellogg for a year. They lived southwest of Gilman for 16 years, and since 1918 lived at the present home, south of the Hickory Grove Church.

Survivors include her husband, at the home; three sons and five daughters—Leslie Wertz of Rt. 1, Kellogg, Elmer Wertz of Gilman, Lyle Wertz of Laurel, Mrs. McKinley (Elsie) Milligan of Montezuma, Mrs. Viola Koger at the home, Mrs. Milo (Mildred) Phillips of Rt. 1, Searsboro, Mrs. Roy (Rose) Bickel of Coggon, and Mrs. Leon (Doris) Yokemlot of Madison, Ala.; 20 grandchildren; and 36 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Wertz was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters Charles and John Bell, and Mrs. Etta Tilton, and Mrs. Nellie Kisson.

She was a member of the Hickory Grove United Brethren Church.

Funeral services for Mrs. Wertz will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Hickory Grove Cemetery near the home.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home.

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Rites For Mrs. Wertz, 93, Held May 21

Mrs. George (Anna) Wertz, 93, passed away at her home Sunday evening, May 18.

The daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Preston Bell, she was born March 31, 1876, in Hickory Grove Township, Jasper County, Iowa.

On March 13, 1901, she was united in marriage to George Wertz. For a year they lived on a farm near Kellogg and then moved to a farm southwest of Gilman where they lived for 16 years. Since 1918 they have lived at their present home south of the Hickory Grove Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Charles and John Bell; and two sisters, Mrs. Etta Tilton and Mrs. Nellie Kissick.

Survivors include her husband, at home; three sons, Leslie of Kellogg, Elmer of Gilman and Lyle of Laurel; five daughters, Mrs. McKinley (Elsie) Milligan of Montezuma, Mrs. Viola Koger at the home, Mrs. Milo (Mildred) Phillips of Searsboro, Mrs.

Roy (Rose) Bickel of Coggon, Mrs. Leon (Doris) Yokem of Madison, Ala.; 20 grandchildren; and 36 great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the United Brethren Church.

Funeral services for Mrs. Wertz were held Wednesday afternoon, May 21, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Burial was at Hickory Grove Cemetery near the home.

Casket bearers were Duane Phillips, Lloyd Phillips, George Milligan, Wayne Wertz, Darrell Wertz and Philip Wertz.

The Rev. Willard Reynolds, pastor of the Newburg United Church of Christ officiated at the services. Mrs. Donald Renaud was organist and Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Sharp were vocalists.