

Rites Friday for Susan Whitaker

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Susan Whitaker, 87, of Rte. 1, Grinnell, died Tuesday, May 22, at Grinnell General Hospital, following an extended illness.

The daughter of Edward E. and Elizabeth Thompson Lincoln, she was born Jan. 9, 1886, in the Oak Grove community south of Grinnell. She received her education in the rural schools of that community.

On Sept. 20, 1908, she was married to Bert Whitaker at her parents' home. They farmed in the Oak Grove community until 1924 when they moved to Grinnell, where Mr. Whitaker was employed by a local elevator company. In 1932, they established the Grinnell Livestock Exchange, which they operated until Mr. Whitaker's death in February, 1955.

Mrs. Whitaker is survived by her two daughters, Mrs. Virgil (Ona) Jones of Grinnell and Mrs. Kenneth (Betty) Palmer of Grinnell; four grandchildren, Mary Ann Coppinger of Newton, David Palmer of Grinnell, Dennis Palmer of Kirksville, Mo., and Tom Palmer of Wilmore, Ky.; and two great-grandchildren, Douglas and Denise Coppinger of Newton.

She was the last surviving member of a pioneer family and was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bert; a daughter, Mary Lougenia; and seven brothers, Alex, David, Ernest, Charles, John, Frank, and George Lincoln.

Should friends desire, a memorial has been established for Mrs. Whitaker with the First Friends Church building fund.

Funeral services for Mrs. Whitaker will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the James-Schafinske Funeral Home, with the Rev. Doran Morford, pastor of the First Friends Church, officiating. Burial will be in Westfield Cemetery.

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