

Monday, November 2, 1970

Stella Birchard Services Held

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. today (Monday, Nov. 2) at the James-Schalinske Funeral Home for Mrs. Stella G. Birchard, 59, of Rte. 2, Grinnell, who died Friday morning at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids where she had been a patient for ten days.

The Rev. Marcue E. Reitz, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, officiated at the services.

Vocalists were Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Palmer. Organist was Mrs. Donald J. Renaud.

Pallbearers were Virgil Groth, Denver Walker, Leon Mahlstedt, Glen W. Smith, Kenneth Iske and James Butcher.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

The daughter of George W. and Nona Rasp Rutherford, Mrs. Birchard was born Sept. 11, 1911, in Hickory Grove Township in Poweshiek County. She started her education in the rural schools of that community and completed it at the Newburg schools where she graduated from the Newburg high school.

On April 12, 1942, she was married to Warren Birchard in Grinnell. Following their marriage, the couple moved to Alameda, Calif., where they lived for five years before returning to Newton. Five

years later they moved back to California and lived in Long Beach. For the past 12 years they have lived in the Grinnell community.

Mrs. Birchard was a baptised member of the Lutheran Church.

Survivors include her husband, Warren; two sons—Donald Davis of Marshalltown and Edward Birchard of Detroit, Mich.; four grandchildren — Gloria, Donna, Jeffrey and Lester Davis; five brothers — Harry Rutherford and Charley Rutherford of Grinnell, Delbert Rutherford of Newton, Lester Rutherford of West Des Moines and Verle Rutherford of Corona, Calif.; and two sisters—Mrs. Nadine Courtney of Grinnell and Mrs. Larry (Bernice) Cox of Swan, Iowa.

Mrs. Birchard was preceded in death by her father in 1959; her mother in 1967, and a sister, Mrs. Howard (Tilla) Watkins.

Mrs. Warren