

Mrs. Bohstedt Services Set

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Mrs. Gesine Bohstedt, 79, of Rte. 4, Grinnell, the widow of Edward Bohstedt, died Tuesday at Grinnell General Hospital after a lengthy illness.

The daughter of Hinrich and Catherina Wendt Harjes, she was born April 19, 1893, in Fischerhude, Germany. She attended the elementary schools in Germany and at the age of 15 came to the United States and lived in New York City for three years. In 1911, she moved to Victor, Iowa. On May 22, 1913, she was married to Edward Bohstedt at Muscatine. The couple had two children, Edward H. Bohstedt of Grinnell and Mrs. Virgil (Ruth) Palmer of Newburg.

Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Bohstedt farmed near Victor for seven years. In 1920 they moved to the present farm southeast of Grinnell. Mr. Bohstedt died April 24, 1941. Mrs. Bohstedt had made her home on the family farm for the past 53 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Grinnell, the Isabella Brande Guild, the Brande Bible Class, and the church choir. She had been superintendent of the junior department for a number of years. Mrs. Bohstedt had worked as a nurse's aide in the former Community Hospital for eight years. She had been hospitalized the past five weeks.

Survivors include her son and daughter; six grandchildren, Mrs. Charles (Cynthia) Frazier of Portland, Ore., Claudia Bohstedt and Ralph Bohstedt of Grinnell, Kathleen Palmer, Kristin Palmer, and Gary Palmer of Newburg; and three sisters,

Mrs. Henry (Annette) Buthman of Steamboat Rock, Mrs. Eugene (Henrietta) Keppler of Maywood, Ill., and Mrs. John (Catherine) Wilkins of Alpershausen, Germany. She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; and three brothers and one sister, Johann Harjes, Hinrich Harjes, Herman Harjes, and Mrs. Anna Fehsenfeld.

Funeral services for Mrs. Bohstedt will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Hugh A. Shiveley officiating. Organist will be Mrs. Willard Heffner. Pallbearers will be Emmet Bohstedt, Eugene Buthman, Donovan Evans, Edward Keppler, Howard Keppler, and Vursel Wright. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home. Should friends desire, memorials in Mrs. Bohstedt's name may be made to the First Baptist Church of Grinnell.