

Mrs. Christensen Rites Saturday

3/15/73

Mrs. Clarice L. Christensen, 79, of 927 Elm St., widow of P. T. Christensen, died early Thursday morning at Grinnell General Hospital, where she had been a patient the past week.

Survivors include her children, Mrs. Keith (Phyllis) Blake of Merrill, Wis., and Robert W. Christensen of Jackson, Minn.; eight grandchildren; and three sisters.

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The daughter of Sam and Mary Ann Berggren Swelund, she was born July 5, 1893, in Stratford, Iowa. She attended the Stratford schools and Iowa State University. In 1917, she was graduated from Cedar Falls Teachers College. She taught in the elementary grades at the Gowrie and Eldora schools for five years.

On Sept. 2, 1922, she was married to Peter T. Christensen at Stratford. The couple had two children, Mrs. Keith (Phyllis) Blake of Merrill, Wis., and Robert W. Christensen of Jackson, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Christensen had lived in Osceola before coming to Grinnell in 1939. While in Grinnell, Mr. Christensen owned and operated the Grinnell Creamery until his retirement.

Mrs. Christensen was a member of the Grinnell United Church, the W.S.C.S., the Pythian Sisters, the Searchlight Club, Harmony Circle, and the Worthwhile Club.

Survivors include her daughter and son; eight grandchildren, Peter, Rick and Julie Blake, and Bob, Anne, Sue, Nancy and Jane Christensen; and three sisters, Mrs. Dale (Myrtle) Bond of Ames, Irene Swedlund of Mason City, and Mrs. Norman (Marie) Carpenter of Long Beach, Calif. She was preceded in death by her husband on June 26, 1959; two grandchildren who died in infancy; and two brothers, Carl and Merrill Swelund.