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Shelby Cooper rites Monday

Shelby Cooper, 83, a resident of St. Francis Manor for the past six years, died Friday, Feb. 21, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Trevor Davis-Hajek, pastor of the Kellogg United Methodist Church, officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner. Burial was in Our Silent City Cemetery at Kellogg.

Memorials in Mr. Cooper's name may be made to the Kellogg Historical Society.

The son of Alvin and Martha Slagle Cooper, he was born on Sept. 31, 1902, at Barrettstown, Tenn. The family moved to Monticello, Ky., and in 1917 moved to the Kellogg area.

On Sept. 2, 1924, he was married to Mabel Benson at Newton. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper farmed near Kellogg until 1967 when they moved to Grinnell.

While living here, Mr. Cooper was employed at Grinnell College.

Following the death of his first wife, he was married to Bessie Wilkerson on July 12, 1970, at Canton, Miss. The couple continued to live in Grinnell.

Survivors include one son, Robert of Rte. 2, Kellogg; two grandchildren; four sisters, Juanita Carlock and Louise Lavelle, both of Palm Springs, Calif., Opal Smith of Newburg and Grace Shumaker of Ames; one brother, Everett of Grinnell; and a half-brother, Alvin Cooper Jr. of Kellogg.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Mabel, in 1969; his second wife, Bessie, in 1983; three sisters, Lila Gregory, Myrtle Lamb and Ethel Lemke; and four brothers, Bill, Delmar, Harmon and Dick.