

MARCH 8, 1962

Funeral Services Here Friday For Mrs. Lela Criswell

(Williams)

Mrs. Lela C. Criswell, 63, Grinnell, died early Tuesday morning at an Iowa City hospital. She had been in ill health for the past several months.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday from the Calvary Baptist church with the Rev. J. Lester Williams, pastor, officiating. Vocal music will be provided by J. Lester Williams, accompanied by James Severe at the piano.

Pallbearers will be Ralph Bailey, Bernard Criswell, Carl Criswell, Donald Criswell, Kenneth Criswell and Milton Dobbs. Interment will be in Hazelwood cemetery. Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home.

The daughter of William and Martha Elam Dobbs, she was born July 10, 1898, at Wayne county, Ky. She received her education in the public schools of that area. On Feb. 4, 1917, in Steubenville, Ky., she was united in marriage with William Albert Criswell. Soon after their marriage they moved to Iowa and lived most of the time in the Grinnell area.

To the union were born six sons, Raymond Earl of Malcom, William Roy of Tama, Leonard Howard of Centerville, James Rex of Grinnell, Robert Lee of Cedar Rapids, and Larry Eugene of Grinnell.

Surviving besides her six sons are 16 grandchildren and eight brothers and sisters: Crusoe Dobbs, Luther Dobbs and Mrs. David (Lucy) Wittenberg, all of Monticello, Ky.; Mrs. Alonzo (Flössie) Twyford of Alexandria, Ill.; Paul and Earl Dobbs of Russellville, Ky.; Mrs. Lee (Mary) Burnett of Louisville, Ky.; and James Dobbs of Cedar Falls.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, William Albert Criswell on Nov. 18, 1947; and one brother and one sister.

Mrs. Criswell was a member of the Calvary Baptist church and the American Legion Auxiliary.