

Alta Downey Rites Today

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Mrs. Alta C. Downey, 88, of 827 High St., Grinnell, died Friday, Feb. 15, at St. Francis Manor, following an extended illness.

The daughter of Charles Louis and Clarabelle Faulkner Stanley, she was born March 26, 1885, near Searsboro. She attended the schools near her home. On May 26, 1903, she was married to Samuel L. Downey in Montezuma. Following their marriage, they moved to a farm in the Searsboro community where they farmed until 1908. At that time, they moved to their farm 3 1/4 miles east of Grinnell, where they farmed for 50 years, with the exception of a few years when they farmed in Jasper County. In February of 1949, they retired and moved to Grinnell. Following her husband's death Aug. 12, 1960, Mrs. Downey continued to make her home in Grinnell.

She is survived by her son, Keith Downey of Grinnell; a daughter, Mildred Downey, also of Grinnell; six grandchildren, Charles Downey of Moline, Ill., Gary Lee Downey of Grinnell, Mrs. Keith (Vicki) Jack of Montezuma, Mrs. Reggie (Mary) Wells of Grinnell, Mrs. Dennis (Becky) Wilson of Kellogg, and Mrs. Fred (Patsy) Ederer of Plain, Wis.; eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her daughter Marveen Cleo, and two infant brothers.

Funeral services for Mrs. Downey were held at 1:30 p.m. today (Monday) at the James-Schalinske Funeral Home, with the Rev. John W. McCallum, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner, and pallbearers were Charles Downey, Gary Downey, Keith Jack, Dennis Wilson, Reggie Wells, and Fred Ederer.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.