

Monday, May 25, 1959

Funeral Services Set Tuesday For Jessie M. Dunham

Funeral services for Mrs. Jessie Mae Dunham of Grinnell will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday from the Smith Funeral Home. Mrs. Dunham died at her home Friday following an illness of the past two years.

Officiating at the services will be Dr. G. S. Bruland of the Methodist church. Music will be furnished by Mrs. Kathleen Heffner and Mrs. Alberta Miller. Flower bearers will be Mrs. Floy Dempster, Mrs. Ed Green, and Mrs. Jennie See.

Pallbearers will be Charles Dunham, Max Clements, Alfred Wisecarver, Gene Wisecarver, Raymond Wisecarver, and Roy Wisecarver. Burial will be in Hazelwood cemetery.

She was the daughter of Jacob and Frances Roseman Wisecarver and was born in Poweshiek county on Sept. 9th, 1884. On Feb. 21st, 1909, she was married to Willis Dunham and the family moved to Grinnell from Marshalltown in 1927.

Mrs. Dunham had worked for 27 years as a cook at Community hospital. She was a member of the Methodist church and belonged to the D.U.V.

Survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Gene (Betty) Ratcliff at home, and three grandchildren, Michael, Kathy, and Tyaria. A brother George Wisecarver of Des Moines also survives.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1953, and by her parents.

OBITUARY

JESSIE MAE DUNHAM

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Jessie Mae Dunham was born Sept. 9, 1884, at the family farm southeast of Grinnell, the youngest of six children of Jacob and Frances Roseman Wisecarver. She lived most of her life in Grinnell.

On Jan. 21, 1909, at the parsonage of the Methodist church, she was united in marriage with Willis C. Dunham. One daughter, Betty, was born to this union on Oct. 1, 1922. They spent the early years of married life in Belle Plaine and Marshalltown, coming to Grinnell in 1929 to make their home.

Mrs. Dunham was employed at the Community hospital in Grinnell for 27 years. Since the death of her husband, Sept. 5, 1953, she had made her home with her daughter and family at 219 Fifth Ave. She had been bedfast for the past two years.

She was a member of the DUV and the Methodist church.

Surviving are her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ratcliff, and three grandchildren, Michael Lee, Kathy Sue and Tyaria Ratcliff. A brother, George Wisecarver of Des Moines, also survives.

Preceding her in death were her parents; two brothers, William and Edward Wisecarver; and one sister, Mrs. Nettie Coop.

Services for Mrs. Dunham were held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 26, at the Smith Funeral Home with Dr. G. S. Bruland, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating. Flower bearers were Mrs. Floy Dempster, Mrs. Ed Green and Mrs. Jennie See.

Pallbearers were Charles Dunham, Mac Clements, Alfred Wisecarver, Gene Wisecarver, Raymond Wisecarver and Roy Wisecarver. Mrs. Kathleen Heffner was organist and Mrs. Alberta Miller was vocalist.

Interment was in Hazelwood cemetery.

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