

H-R April 9, 1981 (Lyle)  
**Elsie Fanton rites Friday**

Elsie F. Fanton, 85, of Fairfield, Calif., formerly of the Gilman area, died Saturday, April 4, at LaMariposa Convalescent Hospital in Fairfield.

Graveside services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday at Prairie View Cemetery, Gilman, with the Rev. Donald M. Scheller, pastor of the Gilman United Methodist Church, officiating. Pallbearers will be Neven Crandon, Wilber Crandon, Eugene Elliott, Duane Muckler and Clark Scurr. Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home beginning at 9 a.m. Thursday.

The daughter of Charles and Eva Shephard Johnson, she was born Dec. 1, 1895, near Gilman. She attended Gilman

schools and later graduated from Gilman High School.

On Sept. 2, 1919, she was married to Lyle Fanton in Gilman. Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Fanton lived at DeWitt and Forest City before moving to Des Moines in 1939. The couple moved to Fairfield in 1978 to be near their son, Donald.

Survivors include her husband, Lyle; her son, Donald Fanton of Fairfield; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Ella Gould of Des Moines and Orie Cousins of Seattle, Wash. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and one sister.