

Nellie Farley rites Monday

4-P. 1-18-88
Nellie M. Farley, 91, of Malcom died Friday morning, Jan. 15, at the Montezuma Senior Home where she had resided since 1983.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Malcom Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. William Schlobohm, pastor of the church, and the Rev. John Maze of Grinnell officiating.

Organist was Margaret Wheeler. Pallbearers were David Anderson, David Gorsuch, Greg McCulla, Craig Morrison, and Michael, Patrick, Roderick, Mark and Dick Simmons. Fraternal rites were conducted by members of Holly Chapter No. 477, O.E.S.

Burial was in Ivy Hill Cemetery, Malcom, with the Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell in charge of arrangements.

The daughter of Matthew and Martha Doan Blakely, she was born near Montezuma on June 30, 1896. She attended rural school, graduated from Montezuma High School, then attended Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls where she received her teaching certificate. She taught in rural schools near Montezuma for five years.

On Feb. 23, 1921, she was

married to Robert Gordon Farley. The couple farmed in the Ewart and Malcom areas. Following Mr. Farley's death in 1946, she continued to live on the family farm north of Malcom. She moved into Malcom in 1972.

Mrs. Farley was a longtime member of the Malcom Presbyterian Church, having served as organist and choir director. She had also served as Malcom Township chairperson for the Iowa Farm Bureau women's group and as county publicity chairperson. She was a member of the Iowa Rural Women's Chorus, the Poweshiek County Health Improvement Association, the Chat-a-Lot Club and the Worthwhile Club.

Since 1940 she had been a member of Holly Chapter No. 477, Order of Eastern Star. She was a past worthy matron and had served in other offices.

She is survived by one son, Burdette Farley of Malcom; a daughter, Martha Simmons of Brooklyn; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; two sisters, Leila Blakely and Hazel Pitman; and two brothers, Cecil and Tom Blakely.

Obituaries

NELLIE MILDRED FARLEY

BC 1-20-88
Nellie M. Farley, 91, a former rural schoolteacher, died Friday, Jan. 15, 1988, in the Senior Home at Montezuma.

Mrs. Farley, the daughter of daughter of Matthew and Martha Doan Blakely, was born near Montezuma, Ia., on June 30, 1896. She attended the rural schools and graduated from Montezuma High School in 1915. She received her teachers certificate from Iowa State Teachers College, and taught for five years at Bear Creek #1 and Jackson #1 rural schools.

She was married to Robert Gordon Farley at her parents home at Montezuma on February 23, 1921. The couple farmed in the Ewart and Malcom communities until the death of her husband in 1946. She continued to make her home north of Malcom, moving to Malcom in 1972. She came to the Senior Home at Montezuma in 1983.

Nellie was a long time member of the Malcom Presbyterian Church, and served the church as choir director and church organist for many years. She was a Past Worthy Matron of Holly Chapter #477 of the Order of Eastern Star at Malcom and was a member of the Past Matron's Club. She was also active in Farm Bureau work, having served as Malcom Township Chairperson of the women's group and Poweshiek County publicity chairperson. She was a member of the Iowa Women's Chorus, and had traveled with the group to Washington, D.C., to celebrate sesquicentennial of the nations capitol. She was also a member of the Poweshiek County Health Improvement Association; the Chat-A-Lot club and the Worth While Club.

She is survived by her son and daughter and their spouses: Burdette and Beverly Farley of Malcom; Martha and William Simmons of Brooklyn; 11 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, R. Gordon Farley in 1946; two sisters and two brothers: Leilla Blakely, Hazel Pitman, Cecil Blakely and Tom Blakely.

Funeral services for Nellie M. Farley were held 10:30 a.m., Monday, Jan. 18, at the Malcom Presbyterian Church with the Rev. William Schlobohm, pastor of the church, and the Rev. John Maze of Grinnell, officiating. Organist was Mrs. Margaret Wheeler. Pallbearers were David Anderson, David Gorsuch, Greg McCulla, Craig Morrison, Michael Simmons, Patrick Simmons, Roderick Simmons, Mark Simmons and Dick Simmons.

Fraternal rites were conducted by members of Holly Chapter #477 of the Order of Eastern Star at Malcom. Burial was in the Ivy Hill Cemetery at Malcom. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Malcom Presbyterian Church and left at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.