

Thursday, November 8, 1962

Friday Rites For Former Resident, Bessie Ferneau, 79

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Mrs. Bessie Ethel Ferneau, 79, of Marshalltown, former Grinnell resident, died late Tuesday evening at a Marshalltown hospital, following failing health of the last two years.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Wayne A. Shireman, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Organ music will be provided by Mrs. Rhee Auman.

Serving as pallbearers will be Paul Ahrens, Robert Johnson, Alan Koch, Virgil McDonough, Vaughn Walker, and Lyle Waters. Burial will be in Westfield cemetery near Grinnell.

She was born May 9th, 1883, near Lynnville, the daughter of Andrew and Bertha Hoff McDonough, one of a family of four children. She attended the Lynnville public schools and in July of 1908 was united in marriage with Lee W. Ferneau at Newton.

To this union were born six children, five of whom survive: Mrs. Maynard (Lela) Gould of Marshalltown; Mrs. Milton (Agnes) Grady of Des Moines; Paul Ferneau, of Vancouver, Wash.; Mrs. Frank (Alice) Walker of Marshalltown; and Clark Ferneau of Long Beach, Calif.

Also surviving are six grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. J. S. (Alta) Russell of Visalia, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lee, on Oct. 23rd, 1929; her son, Rex, in 1935 at the age of 14; two brothers, Fred McDonough and Hugh Cassius McDonough; and two grandchildren.

The family farmed near Grinnell and when her husband died, Mrs. Ferneau moved to Grinnell. In 1956, she moved to Marshalltown to make her home near her daughters.

Mrs. Ferneau was a member of the Bethel Community church and attended the First Baptist church while she resided in Grinnell.