

Schedule Rites Saturday For Mrs. Arthur Fleener

H-R June 26, 1958

Funeral services for Mrs. Arthur (Telatha) Fleener, lifetime resident of Grinnell who died suddenly this morning (Thursday) at her home will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday from the Smith Funeral Home. Dr. Charles O. Whitely will officiate.

Born near Searsboro on February 13th, 1882, she was the daughter of Alfred and Catherine Crawlee Reeves.

Survivors include four daughters and one son, all of Grinnell: Mrs. George Hyde, Mrs. Vera Christinson, Mrs. Harold Schooley, Mrs. Nellie Cooper, and Ralph Fleener.

Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. C. V. Stanley of Des Moines and Mrs. Selah Tish of Deep River.

Two sons preceded her in death.

Mrs. Fleener was a member of the First Friends church.

OBITUARY

TELATHA JANE FLEENER

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H-R July 3, 1958

Telatha Jane Reeves, daughter of Alfred R., and Catherine Cralle Reeves, was born February 13, 1882, near Searsboro, Ia.

She was the youngest of nine children, four of whom died in infancy.

She received her education in the rural schools of Poweshick County.

When a young woman she joined the Friends church at Searsboro, Ia., later transferring her membership to the First Friends church of Grinnell.

On November 11, 1900, she was married to Arthur Fleener at her parents' home in Searsboro. They established a new home in that community where they continued to live until 1913, when they purchased the farm near Grinnell which was to be their home for more than 42 years. It was here that they celebrated their golden wedding in 1950.

To this union were born four daughters, Mrs. George (Veda) Hyde, Mrs. Vera Christinson, Mrs. Harold (Viola) Schooley, and Mrs. Nellie Cooper and three sons—Everton, Woodrow, and Ralph.

The family circle remained unbroken until the death of their son Woodrow in 1951. On August 16, 1955, her beloved husband was taken, followed in less than a year by the death of her oldest son, Everton, after a lingering illness. Soon after losing her husband and son she established her residence in Grinnell to be near her children and grandchildren who gave her much comfort and satisfaction in her declining years.

She passed away of a heart attack at her home on Thursday morning, June 26, 1958.

In addition to her immediate family of five children, fifteen grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren, she leaves two sisters, Mrs. Selah Tish of Deep River and Mrs. Effie Stanley of Des Moines. Her parents and two brothers preceded her in death.

Mrs. Fleener's chief concern was her home and family, even

to the extent of sharing in the care of her aged father after the mother's death in 1907.

She was an expert with both needle and crochet hook and leaves for her family and friends many beautiful pieces of her handiwork.

A faithful wife, a loving and understanding mother, and a true homemaker, her memory will long be cherished by those who knew her best.