

Monday, July 19, 1965

Funeral Services Held Today For Lessie M. Fritz

Miss Lessie Moffatt Fritz, 78, of the Bethel community in Jasper county, died Friday evening at a Newton nursing home. She had been in failing health the last three years.

Funeral services were held this afternoon (Monday) from the Bethel Methodist church with the pastor, the Rev. James Seibert, officiating. Vocal music was provided by Bernard Kooistra and Mrs. Clarence Renaud, accompanied by Mrs. Wallace Williams.

Pallbearers were Gene Fritz, Richard Fritz, Richard Briggs, Elmo Briggs, Steven Fritz and Richard Sparks. Assisting with flowers were Mrs. John Raife, Mrs. J. S. Craiger and Mrs. Ralph Selzer. Burial was in Bethel cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge.

She was the daughter of Richard A. and Sara V. Martin Fritz and was born May 13th, 1887, on a farm in the Bethel Neighborhood of Jasper county, Iowa, one of a family of seven children. She attended the rural schools of Jasper county and then graduated from Grinnell high school with the class of 1906.

She received her higher education at Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls and at Des Moines University. She had taught in the rural schools of Jasper county, Mitchellville, Sully and Killduff for over 40 years.

Miss Fritz was a member of the Bethel Methodist church and the Women's Society of Christian Service.

Survivors include one brother, Lehl Fritz of near Lynnvile; one sister, Mrs. Roscoe (Bess) Sparks of Lynnvile; and 17 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers Clifford, Wilburn; and Roy in infancy; and one sister, Mrs. Elmo (Ema) Briggs.