

**Afton Gause**  
*A-R March 19, 1987*  
**rites Friday**

Afton I. Gause, 84, of Rte. 2, Searsboro, died Tuesday, March 17, at Clearview Manor in Prairie City.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Kenneth Santee, pastor of the Lynnville Friends Church officiating. Organist will be Kathleen Heffner, and pallbearers will be William Boland Jr., Richard Davis, Robin Gray, Stanley Gray, David Gertsma and Rex James.

Burial will be in the Friends Cemetery at Lynnville. Memorials may be made to Grinnell General Hospital.

The son of Elmer and Stella Main Gause, he was born on Jan. 15, 1903, near Lynnville. He attended rural schools and graduated from Lynnville High School.

On April 1, 1932, he was married to Ruth I. Husband at Lynnville. The couple farmed near Lynnville until the spring of 1935 when they moved to a farm northwest of Searsboro.

Mr. Gause is survived by his wife, Ruth; one son, Robert of Swisher; one daughter, Alice Gause of West Des Moines; three grandchildren; and two sisters, Mary Howard of Longmont, Colo., and Berdena F. McMains of Canyon County, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Edwin and Roy; and three sisters, Luella Madill, Ada Gause and Eula Phillips.