

Monday, October 25, 1965

Sue E. Gruhn 93, Succumbs Friday; Services Today

Mrs. Sue Ella Gruhn, 93, of Grinnell, died Friday afternoon at a local hospital following a lengthy hospitalization.

Funeral services were held this afternoon (Monday) from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Ralph Beebe of the Mayflower Home officiating. Organ music was provided by Mrs. Willard Heffner.

Pallbearers were W. C. French, Harry Bitcon, Charles Irving, John McDowell, Ellis Brown, and Clair Strand. Interment was in Hazelwood cemetery with graveside committal services conducted by the Grinnell Rebekah Lodge No. 119, with Mrs. Larry Tharp, Noble Grand, in charge.

The daughter of P. J. Mintle Jr. and Susan Maxwell Mintle, she was born on July 30th, 1872, in Poweshiek county. Sixty years of Mrs. Gruhn's life were spent on the farm, 20 of these years at Indianola. Since 1942, she had been a resident of Grinnell. Other than the time at Indianola, she had always lived in Poweshiek county.

She was a member of the Congregational church since returning to Grinnell and was a member of the Women's Fellowship of the church. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge for over 60 years, having held membership in Lodge No. 119 since 1900. She was a past Noble Grand, a charter member of the Ladies Encampment Auxiliary, and the Marie A. Lewis Canton Auxiliary.

She was the widow of Fred W. Gruhn who died Oct. 13th, 1942.

Survivors include one son, Walter Gruhn of Des Moines; six grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; one brother, Guy Mintle of Grinnell; and several nieces, nephews and many friends.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Ray; her two sisters, Mrs. Nettie Howard and Mrs. Martin Eichhorn; and three brothers, Ernest, Lester and Roy Mintle.