

Mrs. Halblom Rites Today ^{12/7/72}

Mrs. Blanche E. Halblom, 80, the widow of Victor O. Halblom of Sully, died Thursday morning (Dec. 7) at Grinnell General Hospital.

The daughter of Gustav and Anna Saupe Becker, she was born at Geneseo, Ill., June 24, 1892. She married Victor O. Halblom March 14, 1912, at Geneseo. The couple had five children: Mrs. Lillian Griffiths who died Dec. 25, 1971; Oscar Halblom of Iowa City; Robert Halblom of Ottumwa; Harold Halblom of Des Moines; and Mrs. Donald (Alma) Wisgerhof of LeClaire.

Mr. and Mrs. Halblom came to farm south of Newton soon after their marriage. Later, Mr. Halblom managed farms near Jamestown, N.D., before returning to farm in Jasper, Poweshiek, and Keokuk counties for some 50 years. The couple returned to live in Sully in 1967. Mr. Halblom died in 1968.

Mrs. Halblom was a member of the Sully Community Church.

She is survived by her four children: 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; seven sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Papendick of Yorba Linda, Calif., Mrs. Minnie Redus of Geneseo, Ill., Mrs. Florence DeWaale of Walnut, Ill., Mrs. Mildred Cleary of Prophetstown, Ill., Mrs. Hazel Eilers of Geneseo, Mrs. Dorothy Clementz of Anawan, Ill., and Mrs. Doris Miller of Sheffield, Ill.; and two brothers, Arthur Becker of Cambridge, Ill., and Herbert Becker of Geneseo. She was preceded in death by her husband, her daughter, and one granddaughter.

Funeral services for Mrs. Halblom were held at 1:30 today (Monday) at the Sully Community Church, with the

Rev. John R. Meyer, pastor of the church officiating. Music was provided by Mrs. Delmar Schultz, organist, and Mrs. Claris Van Genderen, vocalist.

Pallbearers were David Camp, Mark Duncan, Harry Gunther, Lindsey Halblom, Neal Halblom, Randall Halblom, Ronald Halblom, Robert Wiseman, and Ronald Wolf. Burial was in the Sully Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Sully Community Church.