

2-20-1974
MRS. HEARN DIES

Mrs. Elsie Hearn, 77, of Malcom, wife of Chester Hearn, died early Thursday morning at Grinnell General Hospital. Survivors include her husband and a daughter, Mrs. Jack (Betty) Collum of Grinnell. Funeral services for Mrs. Hearn are pending at the Smith Funeral Home, where friends may call.

Elsie Hearn
Services Held

2-21-1974
Mrs. Elsie Hearn, 77, the wife of Chester M. Hearn of Rte. 1, Malcom, died Thursday morning, Feb. 21, at Grinnell General Hospital.

The daughter of William and Balzora Young Belles, she was born June 17, 1896, in Rock Creek Township, Jasper County. She attended rural schools near her home.

On April 20, 1942, she was married to Chester Merle Hearn in Unionville, Mo. She had lived in the Malcom and Grinnell areas most of her life.

Survivors include her husband; two children, Boyd H. Belles of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. Jack (Betty Jo) Collum of Grinnell; 21 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Frank (Myra) Carney of Amarillo, Tex.; and one brother, Clifford Belles of Malcom. She was preceded in death by one grandson, Cpl. John David Belles, USMC, who was killed in action in South Vietnam in 1968; one sister, Mrs. Achsa Armstrong, who died in 1970; and one brother, Harvey Belles.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hearn were held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Smith Funeral Home, with Elder Dennis Taylor, pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Primitive Baptist Church, officiating. Vocal music was provided by Mrs. Dennis Taylor. Pallbearers were Jim Brown, Tom Collum, Bernard Cornelius, Marvin Cummings, Paul Morrison, and Sonny Schneekloth.

Burial was in Rock Creek Cemetery.