

DEEP RIVER (Iowa) RECORD

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1967

Mrs. Ray Johnson, 77, Dies After Long Illness

Gussie Blanche, daughter of Alfretta and William H. Stephen, was born in New Sharon, Iowa, on Oct. 8, 1889, and passed away in a Grinnell Hospital, on June 11, 1967, at seventy-seven years of age.

She attended public school in New Sharon and was baptized in the New Sharon Christian Church.

On October 27, 1909, she was united in marriage with Ray L. Johnson, of Montezuma. They moved to a farm near Montezuma and lived in this community for many years. They lived in the Grinnell, Malcom and Deep River areas before moving to their present home in Barnes City in 1947. They celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in October, 1964.

Mrs. Johnson was a member of the Lend-A-Hand Club and the Legion Auxiliary of Barnes City.

She was preceded in death by her parents by her parents, two daughters, two brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by her husband, their four sons, Carmon of Montezuma, Farrell and Raymond of Deep River and Gerald of Newhall; their seven daughters, Elaine, Mrs. Raymond Kirby of Malcom, Doris, Mrs. Louis Brown, also of Malcom, Ina Mae, Mrs. Woodrow Boyd of Brooklyn, Betty, Mrs. Robert Harbert of Warren, Illinois, Marys, Mrs. Vaughn Hopwood of Deep River, Marveen, Mrs. Keith Wilson of Keswick, Louise, Mrs. Thomas Sanders of Springfield, Missouri; also, thirty-nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; two sisters and four brothers; other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, 1967, at Steffy Funeral Home with Rev. Dean Lankford officiating. Mrs. Ronald Ogan and Sara Jean Johnson, granddaughters, sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Beyond the Sunset" accompanied by organist, Mrs. Alice Underwood. Casketbearers were Mrs. Johnson's grandsons, Terry Johnson, Donald Hopwood, Larry Brown, Dennis Kirby, Marion Brown, and Raymond Johnson, Jr.

Interment was in Jackson Township Cemetery at Montezuma, Iowa.

Services For Mrs. Ray Johnson Held Tuesday At Steffy Funeral Home

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Vocal music at the services was provided by Mrs. Ronald Ogan and Sara Jean Johnson, grand-daughters of Mrs. Johnson, accompanied by Miss Alice Underwood, organist.

Burial was at Jackson Township Cemetery with six of Mrs. Johnson's grandsons serving as basket bearers. They were: Terry Johnson, Donald Hopwood, Larry Brown, Dennis Kirby, Marion Brown and Raymond Johnson Jr.

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