

DEATH CAME GENTLY TO MRS. MEHLIN

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Funeral Services for Be-
loved Grinnell Woman
Held This Afternoon.

Death came gently to Mrs. Elizabeth Mayne Mehlin, as she had wished. She was found dead in her bed Friday morning after an enjoyable New Year's day during which she had enjoyed dinner at the Alfred Bonyata home. She had apparently been in her usual health and was able to walk home after dinner through the snow.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the home at 1325 Fourth Avenue, conducted by Rev. Robert Niedzwimmer. Mrs. Margery Bouma and Mrs. Roscoe Dempster sang two selections. Pall bearers were Ross Coutts, Don Cunningham, Pete Staffanou, Clifford Streck, Carl Child and William Ahrens. Burial was in Hazelwood cemetery.

Mrs. Mehlin had lived in Grinnell for 59 years, of which 53 had been spent in the home where she passed away. She was born in Ireland October 22, 1860 and came to this country in 1866, living near Pre-emption, Ill., until she came to Grinnell in 1882. In 1888 she was married to Albert Mehlin, who preceded her in death in 1910.

She is survived by three children, Mrs. S. R. Williams of Amherst, Mass., Albert Mehlin of Des Moines and John Mehlin of Grinnell, a son-in-law, Charles Bonyata of Grinnell, seven grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and by one brother, Thomas Mayne, now 93 years old, of Cowgill, Mo. All the children were present at the funeral with many other relatives and friends.

Although Mrs. Mehlin had reached the age of 81 years, she never grew old. Her cheerful, wholesome personality kept her from doing that. To the end of her days she was the friend and confidante of young people. They loved her and she loved them. For many years she opened her table to young men and women of Grinnell. Many teachers and many youngsters who later developed into prominent business men of Grinnell found that when they came within her circle they found not only a boarding house but a home. She cheered them, encouraged them and sympathized with them in their problems. They have not forgotten her and among the floral offerings at the funeral this afternoon was a beautiful basket of flowers from her "boys."

To all who have known her the thought of her radiant personality, her friendliness and thoughtfulness for others will be a sweet memory in days to come.