

Funeral Services Held Today For Ethel McHenry

Ethel Eita McHenry, age 83, of 1303 Main Street, Grinnell, died at a local hospital Friday evening following an illness of less than a week.

Funeral services were held this afternoon (Monday) from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. H. D. Miller, pastor of the Grinnell Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Vocal music was provided by Joe McCoy, accompanied by John Penne at the organ.

Pallbearers were Frank Ritter, Earl Edgerton, Owen Rickard, Bill Ritter, Glenn Schafer, and Al Eisenman. Interment was in Hazelwood cemetery.

She was born December 25, 1879, at Wabash, Indiana, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Kirby. Following her education from the Wabash schools, she was united in marriage at Durango, Colorado, with Guy McHenry. To this union were born one daughter and two sons: Mrs. Audrey Coates of Greencastle, Indiana; Victor, who passed away at the age of six months; and Wendell, who died following an auto accident in 1950.

In addition to her daughter, she is survived by 3 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, and one sister, Ruth Kirtlen of Roman, Indiana; and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Viola McHenry of Grinnell.

Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. McHenry lived on a ranch near Durango, and later moved to Tacoma, Washington, where he studied for the ministry at Puget Sound College. Later, they moved to California, where he furthered his education.

Mrs. McHenry helped her husband in the ministry of the Church of the Nazarene at Greencastle, Indiana, and several other churches in the Frankfort and Crawfordville, Indiana areas. In 1920 she and her husband entered the missionary fields, and they served in Argentina for 6 years, and in Peru for 10 years. Along with her missionary work, Mrs. McHenry also worked in nursing. Following her husband's death, Mrs. McHenry moved to Grinnell where she made her home with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Viola McHenry, and continued her work in caring for others.

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