

Thursday, February 27, 1969

Eliz. McIlrath Rites Conducted

(JAMES P.)

Elizabeth McIlrath, 90, of Rte. 2, Kellogg, died Monday evening at her home west of Newburg, following an extended illness.

The daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Nakken Housman, Mrs. McIlrath born on Oct. 18, 1878 at Holland, Mich. At the age of 6 her parents moved to the Laurel community and she received her education in the rural schools of this community. She was united in marriage to James P. McIlrath on Sept. 18, 1894, at Marshalltown. Following their marriage they farmed for a short time southwest of Gilman and also at Laurel. For the past 71 years she had lived on the couples farm west of Newburg.

Survivors include her children Mrs. Alex (Elizabeth) Jack of Grinnell, John McIlrath of Grinnell, Mrs. Emma Claybrook of Grinnell; Mrs. Mabel Tharp of Kellogg, Mrs. Ruby McIlrath of Kellogg, James Harley McIlrath of Grinnell, Mrs. Earl (Lucille) Anthony of Grinnell, and a step-daughter, Mrs. Harlan (Sarah) Maurer of Mechanicsville, Iowa; 19 grand children, 39 great grandchildren; 12 great great grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Sena Wilkie of Owatonna, Minn., and Mrs. Fannie Stanton of Lyle, Minn., and one brother, Albert Housman of Manorville, Minn.

Mrs. McIlrath was preceded in death by her parents; her husband James P. on April 15, 1942, an infant son James, three sisters, one half sister and two half brothers.

Funeral services for Mrs. McIlrath were held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the James-Schalinske Funeral Home. Robert Sterling officiated and burial was in the Prairie View Cemetery at Gilman.

Organist was Mrs. Donald J. Renaud and vocalists were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Toney.

Pallbearers were Raymond McIlrath, Wendel Claybrook, Wilbur Jack, Dale Anthony, James McIlrath and Donald Latham. Honorary pallbearers were Stanley McIlrath and Duane Claybrook. Flowerbearers were Mrs. Donald Humphrey and Mrs. Ralph Robert.