

#-R April 26, 1979  
**Blanche Olson services held**

Blanche V. Olson, 81, of 917 Prince St. died Sunday afternoon at Skiff Memorial Hospital in Newton where she had been hospitalized following a stroke 10 days earlier.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Elmer E. Rose, interim pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner. Pallbearers were Robert Cooper, Virgil Doud, Raymond King, Robert Kineth, Darrell Keenan and Don Sowerwine.

Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery.

The daughter of William and Hattie Faircloth Benson, she was born Nov. 2, 1897, in Kellogg. She attended Kellogg and Grinnell Schools.

On Feb. 8, 1922, she was married to Carl Melvin Olson in Grinnell. They lived in Grinnell until 1936 when they farmed in several locations in the Grinnell area. They returned to town in 1957.

Mrs. Olson was a member of the World War I Auxiliary, the Grandmothers Club and the Helping Hand Club.

Survivors include her children, Carl LaVerne Olson and Richard N. Olson, both of Grinnell, Mrs. James (Donna) Simpson of West Liberty, and Larry E. Olson of Algona; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Arthur (Laurine) Olson of Grinnell.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1963; a son and daughter in infancy; a sister, Mrs. Roy (Beryl) Carter; and a brother, Lowell Benson.

Carl M.