Mrs. Osborn rites Saturday 1981

Fernne A. Osborn, 76, of Rte. 4, Grinnell, died Monday evening at Grinnell General Hospital

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Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. John C. Epperson of the Grinnell Christian Church officiating. Organist will be Kathleen Heffner, and pallbearers will be Mike, Dan, Dell and Gary Osborn, Ron and James Erickson, Kevin Hawkins, Charles Adamson and Darrell Bahndorf, Burial will be at Hazelwood Cemetery.

The daughter of Edwin F. and Coral Maxwell Rector, she was born May 12, 1905, at Newton. She attended Newton schools. On June 22, 1921, she was married to Gordon Osborn at Iowa City. The couple lived at Tiffin, later moving to a farm in the Malcom area. They farmed west of Brooklyn from 1937 until Mr. Osborn's death in 1975. Mrs. Osborn had lived in Grinnell for the past six years.

She was an honorary member of the 472nd Engineers Maintenance Co. of the U.S. Army and had been a member of the Farmers Union.

Survivors include five children, Neal Osborn of Coralville, Jeane Osborn of rural Brooklyn, Lucille Erickson of Hartford, Blythe Johnson of rural Grinnell and Karel Shults of Grinnell; 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, her son Keith, one grandchild, her parents and three brothers.

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