

Mrs. Sams Funeral Rites Held Monday

Funeral services for Mrs. Madison (Phebe) Sams were conducted at the Christian Church by the Rev. Max Johnson and the Rev. Ernest Grimm Monday afternoon, Oct. 31. Music was provided by Delbert Bittner, soloist, accompanied by Miss Alice Underwood, organist.

Interment was in Jackson Township Cemetery with Earl Minner, Perry Malloy, Afton Minner, Charles Curry, Madison Curry and George Minner as casket bearers.

Mrs. Sams, 78, died at her home in Montezuma Friday evening, Oct. 28.

Phebe, daughter of Ellen and Alfred Minner, was born Dec. 21, 1887, on a farm south of Montezuma. She attended rural school in the New Sharon and Barnes City areas.

On Oct. 8, 1905, she married William E. Fry and to this union two children were born. The daughter died in infancy.

On Dec. 19, 1912, she married Madison Sams and seven children were born to this union. They have made their home in the Montezuma community for nearly 54 years.

She was an honorary member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Gold Star Mothers.

Mrs. Sams was ordained into the ministry under the authority of the Associated Missionaries on March 20, 1963.

She was preceded in death by three sons, Lt. Charles Ellis Sams, who died at Okinawa in World War II; twin sons, Melvin and Marvin; one grandson, Le Roy Beal; two brothers and two sisters.

She is survived by her husband; four sons, Omer Fry of Wellman, Iowa; Adrian Sams of Montezuma; Junior Sams of New Sharon; Virgil Sams of Des Moines; one daughter, Mrs. Zella Beal of Oskaloosa; 11 grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; and one sister-in-law, Mrs. Nancy Minner.

Madison