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Mrs. Simmons
Rites Tuesday
8-5-1972

Mrs. Cora L. Simmons, 83, widow of Leonard W. Simmons of Rte. 1, Grinnell, died Saturday evening, Aug. 5, at Friendship Manor. She had been in failing health for over a year and had made her home at Friendship Manor since May of 1971.

The daughter of Louis and Cora E. Otcheck Selle, she was born July 23, 1889, in Washington Township, Poweshiek County. She attended the schools near her farm home, and later attended Grinnell High School.

She was married to Leonard W. Simmons at her parents' home near Westfield Feb. 12, 1911. The couple had five children: Bernard Simmons of Rte. 1, Grinnell; Mrs. Shell (Esther) Criswell of Grinnell; Mrs. Harold (Ruth) Michel of Chicago; Mrs. Cliff (Edith) Erickson of Orlando, Fla.; and Mrs. Lester (Dorothy) Beason of Costa Mesa, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons had farmed in the Oak Grove neighborhood until her husband's death Dec. 17, 1948. She continued to make her home on the farm until her health began to fail.

Mrs. Simmons was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church and the Oak Grove Missionary Society.

Survivors include her five children; four grandchildren, Jerry L. Simmons of Grinnell, Mrs. Ronald (Linda) Heishman of Brooklyn, and James Beason and Mrs. Michael (Sherry) Nolan, both of California; five great-grandchildren; and a brother, George R. Selle of Grinnell.

She was preceded in death by her husband Leonard; two sisters, Mrs. Grace Decatur and Mrs. Rose Pearce; and three brothers, Louis H., Vern B., and Clifton E. Selle.

Funeral services for Mrs. Simmons will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Tom Good of the Oak Grove Friends Church officiating. Burial will be in Westfield Cemetery.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Oak Grove Friends Church.

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Organist was Mrs. Willard Heffner, and vocalist was Gordon VanDonselaar. Flowerbearers were Mrs. Willie Laymiller and Mrs. James Higdon.

Pallbearers included Don Criswell, Willie Laymiller, Tom Lowry, Ernest Selle, Thomas E. Selle, and Harold Whitaker.

Burial was in Westfield Cemetery.