Helen Stevens

Rites Tuesday Helen G. Stevens, 85, of 421 West Third St. South, Newton, died Saturday evening, Jan. 22, at the Embassy Manor Nursing

Home in Newton.

The daughter of John and Christena Kaisand Ahrens, she was born Feb. 14, 1886, in Sheridan Township / near Grinnell. She moved with her parents to a farm northwest of Grinnell in Jasper County, and she received her education in

the rural schools of that community. She was married to Charles Stevens Feb. 15, 1916, and the couple farmed a mile south of Newburg. After Mr. Stevens' death in 1932, Mrs. Stevens continued to farm until 1950 when she moved to Newton.

Mrs. Stevens was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith at Trinity Lutheran Church north of Malcom.

She is survived by two sons, Charles Stevens of Beloit, Wis., and George Stevens of Newton; grandchildren; three five grea-grandchildren; a brother, Henry Ahrens of Grinnell; and her nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, Frank and John Ahrens; and a sister, Kattie Copeland.

Funeral services for Mrs. Stevens were held Tuesday, Jan. 25, at the James-Schalinske Funeral Home, with the Rev. Roy A. Nelson, pastor of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Newton, officiating. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery. Oranist was Kathleen Heffner, and pallbearers were James Ahrens, Duane Muckler, Donald Ahrens, Roy Copeland, Lyle Firkins and Lyle Muckler.