

Nellie Watson Rites Today ^{H-K} 5/19/22

Mrs. Nellie L. Watson, 73, of 417 Fourth Ave., the widow of Thomas J. Watson, died Friday evening at Grinnell General Hospital.

The daughter of James J. and Emaline Latcham Farmer, she was born in Pleasant Township, Poweshiek County, Dec. 1, 1898. She attended the rural schools and was graduated from Montezuma High School. Following her graduation, she taught in rural schools near Ewart. On Nov. 23, 1921, she was married to Thomas John Watson in Grinnell. The couple had two daughters, Mrs. James H. (Florabelle) Smith of Bettendorf and Mrs. Donald (Virginia) Ahrens of Grinnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson farmed until 1938 when they moved to Barnes City where Mr. Watson was an implement dealer. In 1942 they moved to Grinnell. Mr. Watson died March 8, 1964.

Mrs. Watson was a member of the United Methodist Church, the WSCS, Helping Hand Club, D.A.R., and the L.O.B.C. Club.

(Thomas J.)
She is survived by her daughters Florabelle and Virginia; seven grandchildren, James Smith Jr. of Bettendorf, Jacque Smith of Bettendorf, Mrs. Linda Mumm of Missouri Valley, Richard Thomas Ahrens of Grinnell, Mrs. Vicki Allen of Bloomington, Ill., Mrs. Deborah LaGrange of Malcom, and Mike Ahrens of Grinnell; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and one brother, Millard Farmer.

Funeral services for Mrs. Watson were held at 2 p.m. today (Monday) at the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. J. Eugene Young, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Organist was Mrs. Willard Heffner. Pallbearers were Gerald Arment, Kenenth Dutemple, Myron Heneke, Allen Lavern Latcham, Lyle J. Latcham, and Donald Souter.

Burial was in Pleasant Township Cemetery at Ewart.