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Funeral Rites for Mrs. Welsh, 72, Held Wednesday

Funeral services were held at 10:30 o'clock Friday morning at First Baptist church for Mrs. William Welsh, 72, wife of the pastor emeritus of that church.

Mrs. Welsh passed away at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in Montezuma following a stroke earlier in the day. She had been in failing health the past few years.

Church Quartet Sings

The Rev. C. E. Kingsley, pastor of the church, conducted the rites and the church quartet, consisting of Stanley Greenwald, Marilyn Yeager, Ruth Bohstedt and Verl Sammons, provided vocal music. E. H. Bohstedt was organist.

Pallbearers were Clyde Connelly, Donovan Evans, William Greenwald, Howard Hyde, Leon Newton and J. C. Parrott. All members of the official boards of deacons, deaconesses and trustees attended the service as honorary pallbearers.

Burial was in Hampton Friday afternoon. The Rev. Welsh, the Rev. Kingsley and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Welsh accompanied the body to its place of interment.

Obituary

Catherine Fyfe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fyfe, was born March 1, 1881, in Govan, Glasgow, Scotland. She grew to womanhood in her native land, under the discipline of Scottish home life, with her parents and five brothers.

On Oct. 4, 1902 she came to Canada, arriving in Winnipeg, and that evening became the bride of Rev. William Welsh, a young Baptist minister.

After nine years of christian work in Canada, Rev. and Mrs. Welsh came to Minnesota in 1911. While in Canada, two daughters were born to the home—Mary who passed away in 1919 and Marion who died in 1902. One son, William Jr., was born in Minnesota.

The family moved to Iowa in 1914 where Mrs. Welsh served with her husband during four

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pastorates, Keota, Hampton, Denison, and Grinnell.

She assisted her husband with work in the military camps during World War I, served as president of the Roger Williams association of Baptist women, a member of the state board of Iowa Baptist Women's Missionary society, and traveled one year for the Iowa Baptist assembly at Iowa Falls.

In 1930 the Welsh family came to Grinnell where they served in the First Baptist church until retirement in 1937, and continued to make their home here ever since.

Following a very active life and a long illness, she became confined to her home very closely in recent weeks, and only last Monday moved to Montezuma to be near her son and his family. She passed away Wednesday afternoon, November 25, in Montezuma, following a stroke earlier in the day.

Rev. and Mrs. Welsh observed their 50th wedding anniversary a year ago, Oct. 4, 1952 with a service and reception in the new First Baptist Church building, Fifth Ave. and East St., the day of dedication for the completed building which was a successor to the one in which they served.

Mrs. Welsh is the first member of the congregation for whom memorial services have been conducted in the Brande Memorial sanctuary.

She is survived by her husband, one son and his wife, Sheriff and Mrs. Bill Welsh, Montezuma; two grandchildren, Linda and William Welsh III; one brother in Scotland, and one in London, England.