

Mrs. Whittaker⁽²⁾

Rites Conducted

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Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Monday (July 23) at the Steffy Funeral Home in Montezuma for Gertrude J. Whittaker, 88, who died July 20 at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

The Rev. Lester Hall officiated at the services.

Palbearers were Art Cook, Dale Emmert, Melvin Elliott, Ralph Wells, Carl Cummings and William Hinkle.

Burial was in Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

The daughter of Huts and Jennie Bowe Lewis, Mrs. Whittaker was born in Grinnell on March 4, 1885. She attended school in Grinnell.

On April 8, 1906 she was married to William James. The couple had one son, Virgil James. Mr. James died in 1943.

Later, she married Fred Whittaker. The couple made their home in Grinnell until the last few years when she lived in Montezuma with her son.

Mrs. Whittaker was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Grinnell.

Survivors include her son, Virgil; one grandson, Dennis James; two great-grandchildren, Brenda and Brent James; two sisters-Mrs. Jennie Speth of Grinnell and Mrs. Jerry Eilers of Storm Lake; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Edna Lewis of Willmar, Minn., and other relatives.

Mrs. Whittaker was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands; four sisters-Jessie and Maude Lewis, Mable Breiting and Margaret Belnap, and one brother, George Lewis.

(Fred)