

Services Held For Gertrude McCants

Funeral services were held Sunday, November 3 at 2:30 P.M., from the Arnold Methodist Church for Gertrude E. McCants who died Wednesday, October 30 at the Callaway Hospital.



Officiating at the services were Rev. Maurice C. Holt and Rex Chapter No. 137, O.E.S.

Mrs. Allan McClure and Mrs. Albert Fuller sang "Ivory Palaces" and "In The Garden" accompanied by Mrs. Mynor Smith at the organ.

Honorary pallbearers were: Homer Hardin, Charles Morrow, Frank Koubek, B. C. Wehrman, John Jones, Linn Downing, George Kruser, Clarence Mills and John Halstead.

Pallbearers were: Floyd Lucas, Dr. R. J. Prendergast, Mynor Smith, Clarence Brohman, Don Kellenbarger and Lowell Watkins.

Interment was in the Arnold cemetery.

Mrs. Gertrude Ethel (Allen) McCants was born on September 6, 1879 to Mr. R. E. Allen and Mrs. Lovira L. (Parks) Allen in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and came with them to Arnold in 1880 when she was nine months old.

Many of the additions in Arnold bear the Allen name because the townsite was from the Allen homestead.

Mrs. McCants lived here all her life. A true pioneer has gone from us.

She had the best education available for that day and was a life long reader and student. Mrs. McCants was one of the early school teachers in the area.

With her sisters and father, she was converted and united with the Christian Church of Arnold in February, 1894 under the preaching of the evangelist, Rev. Smith from Grand Island.

On September 12, 1908 she was united in marriage to Mr. Andrew J. McCants, who later farmed the homestead but was even better known as "the ice man". There were no children born to this union.

Mr. McCants died on July 3, 1950 at the age of 78 years, 8 months and two days.

She was a Royal Neighbor for 64 years and a member of the Order of Eastern Star for 54 years.

Surviving are two sisters: Mrs. William Chadima of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Mrs. Charles McGuire of Wilcox, Arizona; a niece and three nephews: Mrs. G. W. Miller (Genevieve) of Arcadia, Calif.; Mr. Edgar A. McGuire of Wilcox, Arizona; Mr. William F. McGuire and Mr. Charles R. McGuire of Santa Clara, Calif.