

Services Held For Mrs. Mary Backes

Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon, March 11 at 2:00 P.M., from the Methodist Church in Arnold for Mrs. Mary H. Backes who died Friday, March 8 at Oallaway, Nebraska.

Rev. Maurice C. Holt and the Rex Chapter No. 137 OES were in charge of the services.

Mrs. Albert Fuller and Mynor Smith sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Beyond The Sunset" accompanied by Mrs. Mynor Smith at the organ.

Honorary pallbearers were: B. C. Wehrman, L. S. Downing, Fay Finch, Charles Mills, Frank Koubek and Charles Blowers.

Pallbearers were: George Halstead, Archie Beatty, Don Kellenbarger, Lowell Watkins, Art Carlson and Clarence Brohman.

Interment was in the Arnold cemetery.

Mrs. Mary H. McCants Backes was born November 8, 1878 in Butler, Missouri to Andrew Backes and Mary Anne Crowley Backes and was one of five children, none of whom survive.

She came with the family to Nebraska in the early days and they settled in Arnold.

Mrs. Backes united with the Methodist Church on July 19, 1900 during the pastorate of the Rev. A. Costlet.

She was united in marriage to Mr. John Backes on August 26, 1906 who preceded her in death in 1956.

She has been a member of Rex Chapter No. 137, Order of Eastern Star for 35 years.

Relatives who survive her are a sister-in-law, Mrs. Will McCants of York, Nebraska and her two sons Frank McCants of Eugene, Oregon and Bill McCants of Cicero, Indiana; a brother-in-law, Joe Ooufal of Arnold; sister-in-laws, Mrs. Gertie McCants and Mrs. Mary McCants Jones both of Arnold; a brother-in-law, Tom Backes of Long Beach, Calif.; and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Leona Norgard of Central City, Nebraska.