

Died: Dec. 2, 1976

# **Mrs. Benner Rites Held Saturday**

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STATE CENTER — Mrs. Frances S. Benner, 74, longtime State Center resident, died early Thursday morning, Dec. 2 at the State Center Manor where she had been a patient the past two and a half years.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the United Presbyterian church in charge of the Rev. David Saunders and burial was in Rose Hill Memorial Gardens, Marshalltown. Wensel-Perrin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were James Miller, Warren Buck, Paul Buck, Allen Eddy, Leonard Eddy and Ben Henze. Honorary bearers were Fred Cheville and Granger Buck.

Mrs. Benner was born Feb. 5, 1902 in Story County, a daughter of Frank and Susie Hix Eddy. She received her formal education in the rural schools of Story County and in Nevada public schools. She attended Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls and Drake University in Des Moines.

She taught in schools in several central Iowa communities prior to her marriage on June 6, 1925 to Paul Benner. They farmed five miles southwest of State Center prior to his death in 1934. She taught in the Rhodes school system from 1954 to 1966 and retired to State Center in 1972.

Mrs. Benner was a member of the United Presbyterian Church and a 50-year member of Cleo Chapter 303, O.E.S.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by a grandchild and a brother.

Surviving are a son, Robert of State Center and two daughters, Mrs. Merle (Jean) Buck of Creve Coeur, Mo. and Mrs. Robert (Penny) Loerke of Des Moines; a sister, Mrs. J. D. (Amy) Miller of State Center and nine grandchildren.