

LOOKING BACK

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Mrs. Emma Evans pioneer resident passes today Engaged in restaurant business here many years June 1, 1939 State Center Enterprise

Mrs. Emma Evans, 77, longtime resident of State Center, died of coronary Thrombosis and pernicious anemia at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hoyt Patton, here Thursday morning. She had been in failing health for six years.

Funeral services will be held at the Methodist Church in State Center at 2:30 P.M. Sunday with Rev. Fred Smith of Gladbrook officiating. Burial will be in Hillside cemetery.

She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Harry G. Hopkins and Mrs. Glenn Merrill of Marshalltown, Mrs. Hoyt Patton of State Center, and Mrs. Arnold Kaiser of Clemons, two sons, O.N. Evans of State Center and John H. Evans of Marshalltown, thirteen grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Born at Bloomsbury, Pa., December 29, 1861, she was the daughter of Daniel and Margaret Drake Zeigler. The family moved to Frankling Grove, Ill., in 1876 and three years later she was married to Henry M. Evans of Ashton, Ill. After spending two years in Kansas, the couple came to State Center where she and her husband were engaged in the bakery and restaurant business from 1887 to 1900. After the death of her husband in 1900, she and her son, O.N. Evans operated the business until 1925.

Mrs. Evans was active in the Methodist church for fifty-eight years. She was also a longtime member of the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.