

June 15, 1961

Mrs. Estella Benson ✓

Mrs. Alma Estella Benson, 88, who formerly lived at 524 S. Arch St., died Tuesday, June 6, at the Phalen Rest Home, in Aberdeen.

Services for Mrs. Alma Estella Benson, 88, were held Friday afternoon at the Gates Funeral Home with the Rev. John Dillon of the Wesleyan Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the Groton cemetery.

Soloist was Mrs. Ellis Gates and organist was Mr. I. E. Marton. Pallbearers were James Riddle, Donald Pigors, Robert Knickrehm, Manley Green, Warren Dittus and Melvin Rossow.

Mrs. Benson was born Feb. 16, 1873 in Iowa and came to the Verdon area in 1883. She married Leon Benson Nov. 8, 1893 in Aberdeen and they made their first home on a farm near Verdon where they lived until 1910, when they moved to Aberdeen. Mr. Benson died in 1954.

She was a member of the Kings Daughters and Sons and the Golden Rule Society.

Survivors include one son, Leslie of Verdon; eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Three sisters and two brothers preceded her in death.