

Obituary for Mrs. I. P. Gruver [L. Blanche (Whitson) Wenthe

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Mrs. I. P. GRUVER, 46, of 517 Saxon street, died of a heart attack at 1:45 p.m. Sunday in Presbyterian hospital after being in ill health for the past year.

L. Florence WHITSON was born July, 31, 1898 at Manhattan, Ill., daughter of Lewis C. and L. Blanche WHITSON, and had resided in Waterloo for the past 37 years.

Her first husband, Arthur H. WENTHE, preceded her in death on Feb 15, 1929, and five years later she was married to Isham P. GRUVER.

Surviving are the widower; her mother; four sons, Pvt. Erwin L. WENTHE, stationed at Denver, Colo., Staff Sgt. Lawrence H. WENTHE, Ft. Leonard Wood, Ma; Pvt. Harold A. WENTHE, Camp Howze, Tex., and Robert C. WENTHE and Marion B. WENTHE, both at home; two sisters, Mrs. Corella HANSEN, Dixon, Ill., and Mrs. Elletta TEGTMEIER, 2112 West Seventh street; one brother, Rev. Oliver L. WHITSON, Casebeer Heights, and one grandson, George L. WENTHE, 518 Oak avenue, Waterloo.

Funeral arrangements await the arrival home of the sons in service. The body is at the Parrott & Wood funeral home.

The body may be viewed from 10 a.m. Tuesday until time of the services

*Waterloo Daily Courier*, (Waterloo, Iowa) Wednesday, June 7, 1944, p. 2, col 4, Deaths, Mrs. I. P. Gruver

Funeral services for Mrs. I. P. GRUVER, 46, of 517 Saxon street who died Sunday in Presbyterian hospital will be at the Parrott & Wood funeral home at 2 p.m. Thursday. Rev. H. E. DIERENFIELD, pastor of First Presbyterian church, will conduct the service. Burial will be in Memorial Park cemetery, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 1879

In May 1932 an interesting article –

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*Waterloo Daily Courier*, Sunday, May 8, 1932, p. 5, "Theft of Cart and Fruit Jars Big Loss to Family"

No trace has been found of a two-wheel cart and 75 fruit jars stolen Wednesday night from the front door of the home of Mrs Florence Wenthe, 137 Cottage street. The loss, reported to the police department Saturday, is considerable to Mrs. Wenthe's children, who have been using the cart to earn a few pennies now and then.

"I regret the loss the the jars most because they were not mine, but my mother's," Mrs. Wenthe said.

She is a widow with five children whose ages range from 14 down to 5 years.

"We had just moved in that day and I left the jars on the cart as it was late in the evening and I did not want to bring the glassware into the house before washing it. The older children have been doing light cartage, which has kept them busy and been quite a little help."

"I'd like to get my hands on the culprit," said Sgt. Ed Douglass of the police department when the report came in.

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