John Grissum Sr. Dies, Funeral Set for Monday

John Grissum Sr., 67, died about 6 p.m. Friday at his home on Route 3, Boonville. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the William Wood Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. E.F. Abele officiating. Burial will be in the Walnut Grove Cemetery.

The death resulted from a gunshot wound which Coroner Gene Hansett ruled was self-inflicted. He said no inquest would be held. Both he and Sheriff Lyburn Mann went to the Grissum home.

Mr. Grissum was born June 16, 1899, in Cooper County, the son of Henry Grissum and Nora Rentchler Grissum. He had spent his entire life in this community, where he farmed. He was a member of the Mt. Herman Baptist Church.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Betty Viertel of Downey, Calif; three sons, John Grissum Jr. of Boonville, Harold Grissum of Kansas City and James Grissum of Downey, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Nora Grissum and Mrs. Minnie Griesbach, both of Boonville; two brothers, Elwood Grissum and Roy Grissum, both of Boonville; and six grandsons. One sister, Mrs. Walter White, died earlier.

Friends may call from noon Sunday at the William Wood Funeral Home until time of services.