

## BC Obituaries

9-30-1987

### VERNER WILLIAM BOLEN

Verner W. Bolen, 87, died September 21, 1987, at the St. Francis Manor Nursing Home in Grinnell of complications due to a stroke.

Funeral Services were held Thursday, Sept. 24, at the Grinnell Christian Church with the Rev. John Epperson, officiating. Organist was Mrs. Jolene Jones and vocalists were Roger Kendall, Lorna Lang, and Susan Wheat. Pallbearers were Ben Bolen, Bruce Bolen, Jr., David Bolen, Jim Pech, Catherine Smalley, and Tom Smalley. Burial was in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery at Brooklyn.

The son of William and Sylvia Lamb Bolen, Verner was born on May 18, 1900 in Poweshiek County. He attended the country school #9 in Madison Township.

He was married to Carrie Graham on October 18, 1922, at Des Moines, Iowa. Following their marriage they farmed in Poweshiek County before moving to Grinnell in 1945. While farming he also worked as a salesman for the Pfister Seed Corn Company and also worked as a carpenter. During W.W. II he worked at the Defense Plant at Ankeny. He was a former member of the Elks B.P.O. Lodge No. 1266 and a Charter Member of the Grinnell Christian Church.

Verner is survived by his wife, Carrie; his children: Dora Pech of Peoria, Ariz., Don Polen of Houston, Tex., Bruce Bolen of Tama, Ia., and Ann Smalley of Elmhurst, Ill.; 13 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; and 3 brothers and a sister: Michael, Ephraim, Gerald, and Gladys.