

Rites today for Ralph Beck ^{Sept 22,} 1975

Ralph E. Beck, 82, of Dubuque, formerly of Grinnell, died early Friday at the Americana Health Care Center in Dubuque. 9-19-75

Funeral services for Mr. Beck will be held at 1 p.m. today at the Smith Funeral Home, with Elder Jack Baker of the Church of Christ, Fall Branch, Tenn., officiating. Organist will be Mrs. Willard Heifner, and pallbearers will be Albert Beck, Carrol Beck, Charlie Beck, Nathen Beck, George Jacobi, and Alvin Schnarr. Graveside rites will be conducted by the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit, with burial at Ivy Hill Cemetery.

The son of Oren and Katie Ellenbass Beck, he was born Feb. 1, 1893, in Madison, Ind. He attended rural school near his home. During World War I he served with the U.S. Army.

On Jan. 16, 1929, he was married to Alice Margaret Dost in Montezuma. Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Beck farmed near Malcom

until 1935 when they moved to Grinnell to make their home. While in Grinnell, Mr. Beck was associated with Richardson-Phelps Lumber Co., Grinnell Feed and Grain, and the Midwest Metal Stamping Company in Kellogg. For the past 14 months he had made his home in Dubuque with his son, Kenneth. He was a member of Focht-Tennant Post No. 53, American Legion.

Survivors include four children, Kenneth Beck of Dubuque, Robert Beck of Broomfield, Colo., Donald Beck with the U.S. Navy, and Mrs. Francis Ruth Pierce of Sigourney; one step-son, Harold L. Dost of Grinnell; 16 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one brother, Orie Beck of Belle Plaine. He was preceded in death by his wife Alice in 1958; one son, Jerry Wayne Beck, in 1958; three brothers, Walter, Herschel and Frank Beck; and two sisters, Mattie Beck and Mrs. Ina Roudabush.