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## Michael Brooks

Michael (Mike) Brooks, 99, of 517 Eighth Ave. died Friday, Dec. 7, at his home.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. A. Cliff Bevins of the Grinnell First Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of Herman and Katherine Kinzel Brooks, he was born Nov. 22, 1891, in Des Moines. He came with his family to Kellogg in 1901.

During World War I he served in the U.S. Army as a mechanic at Fort McArthur, Texas. Following his discharge, he returned to Jasper County to farm.

He was married to Ethel May Graham, March 22, 1922, at her parents' home south of Grinnell. The couple farmed seven years east of Kellogg and for 30 years south of Grinnell, retiring and moving to Grinnell in 1957.

Mr. Brooks served as a Washington Township trustee for four years and as a school director for six. He was also responsible for Lynnville and Searsboro telephone lines. He was a member of the Farm Bureau and a lifetime charter member of Focht-Tennant Post No. 53 of the American Legion, having served as vice commander. He served as commander of Hopeful Barracks of the Veterans of World War I for two years and served for over 20 years in the Veterans Ceremonial Unit.

Mr. Brooks was one of the last Grinnell World War I veterans.

Surviving are two daugh-

ters, Naomi Gerard of Brooklyn and Verleen Eggman of Grinnell; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Esther Ehler of Kellogg. He was preceded in death by his wife; three sisters, Anna Kahl, Bertha Kling and Clara Balmer; and two brothers, Ernest and Albert Brooks.

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The Rev. A. Cliff Bevins, pastor of the Grinnell First Baptist Church, officiated. Organist was Marie Hardenbrook, and vocalists were Emil and Elizabeth Gerard.

Pallbearers were Jerry Barns, J.R. Killinger, Dennis Parrott, James Parrott, Richard Parrott and John Roush.

Military rites were conducted by the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit, with burial in Hazelwood Cemetery.