

## Thomas Brown services held

Thomas Earl Brown, 68, of 1023 Park St., Grinnell, died Thursday morning at St. Francis Manor East. *May 17*

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with James T. Ross, pastor of the West Liberty Church of Christ, officiating. Organist was Mrs. Willard Heffner, and pallbearers were Edward Brown, James Davis, John Davis, Steven Davis, Van Davis Jr., Gary Dewey, William Noel Jr., and William Werneburg Jr.

Graveside rites were conducted by Bill Davenport, commander; Edwin Richardson, chaplain; and members of the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit. Burial was at West Liberty Cemetery near Searsboro.

Should friends desire, memorials in Mr. Brown's name may be made to St. Francis Manor.

The son of John and Ellen Farmer Brown, he was born Nov. 1, 1887, at Mapleton, Kan. He attended schools at Prescott, Kan. On May 18, 1910, he was married to Olive Frances Moore at Searsboro. The couple had seven children.

Mr. Brown served with the U.S. Army during World War I. He worked on bridge construction in the Searsboro area, and from 1923 to 1926 was a railroad yard foreman at Albia. In 1926, Mr. and Mrs. Brown moved to Grinnell to make their home. Mr. Brown had been a member of the Grinnell American Legion post for the past 58 years.

Survivors include his children, Mrs. Van (Mae) Davis, Mrs. Raymond

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(Genevieve) Playle, Mrs. Nadine Werneburg, and Mrs. Phil (Mildred) Ryan, all of Grinnell, Mrs. Francis Dickson of Los Angeles, Calif., and Ralph Brown of Sigourney; 21 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Olive; a son, Russell; his parents; two brothers, Hubert and Leslie Brown; and a sister, Mrs. Della Cooper.