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Rites held for 1977

Mr. Burnham

Nov. 22

Funeral services for William T. Burnham, 72, of Rte. 2, Grinnell, who died Tuesday afternoon at Grinnell General Hospital, were held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the First Friends Church here.

The Rev. John R. Zwirn, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Howard Lord, pastor of the Milo United Methodist Church, officiated. Organist was Kathleen Heffner. Pallbearers were Ray Bahrenfuse, Robert Dale, Allan Moyer, James Peak, Martin Pearce and Dick Saunders.

Burial was at the Westfield Cemetery southwest of Grinnell. Friends may call the Smith Funeral Home for additional information.

The son of William and Nora Wildman Burnham, he was born May 25, 1905, near Lynnville. He attended rural Jasper County schools.

On Feb. 1, 1928, he was married to Velma Stanley at Newton. Following their marriage, they lived and farmed in Jasper County near the communities of Grinnell, Murphy, Lynnville, and in the Westfield community since 1944.

Mr. Burnham had farmed most of his life and was also a self-employed carpenter and painter. He was a member of the First Friends Church and had served on the church's board of trustees. Mr. and Mrs. Burnham had also attended the Westfield Church.

He is survived by his wife; his children, Mrs. Lawrence (Gladys) Iverson of rural Grinnell, Mrs. Edgar (Doris) Willer of Knoxville, and Robert L. Burnham of Grinnell; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three brothers, Theodore of Des Moines, Albert of Grinnell, and Lester of Milwaukee, Wis.; and two sisters, Mrs. Henry (Edythe) Ashby of Grinnell and Mrs. Charles (Florence) Kaisand of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mrs. Inez Swisher.