

**RAY A. CLARKE
PASSED AWAY
THIS MORNING**

March 21, 1932.
**Long Time Resident of
Grinnell Dies at Ad-
vanced Age.**

Ray A. Clarke, long time and highly respected resident of Grinnell, died at his home on West St. this morning at one o'clock. The funeral service will be held at the house Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

Mr. Clarke was eighty-two years of age. He came to Grinnell in 1879 where he has since resided. He was remarkably well preserved for one of his years having never been sick a day in his life until the occurrence of the automobile accident east of town on May 25, 1929. Since then he has slowly but steadily failed until the end came peacefully early this morning. He leaves alone one daughter, Cornelia.

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**Long and Useful Life in This Com-
munity Reaches Its Close
Monday Morning**

**FUNERAL WILL BE HELD
WEDNESDAY AT 2 P. M.**

**Services Will Be From Home, Con-
ducted by Rev. E. M. Vittum
and Rev. Robert Inglis**

Ray A. Clarke, who has resided in or near Grinnell since 1849, passed away Monday morning about 2 o'clock after a gradual losing of his health and strength, lasting over a period of two years. His home while in Grinnell town-ship was about three miles north of Grinnell.

Ray Clarke was born at Arcade, N. Y., Feb. 28, 1850, and was the son of Elbert and Louise (Steele) Clarke. In his early life his father was a close student and became for a period a minister of the Baptist church at Buffalo, N. Y. At the death of W. H. Harrison, Elbert Clarke delivered an address, which was widely quoted and much appreciated, on the distinguished life of this great president.

After the death of his father, Ray Clarke and his mother moved to Oberlin, Ohio. After taking a commercial course Ray entered Oberlin college as a student. The family in 1866 moved to New Haven, Conn., where Ray attended a military school for a time.

Mr. Clarke was a man of courage and in his early life nearly lost his own life in attempting to take a companion out of the Black river in northern Ohio. After being pulled under the water two or three times his companion lost his grip and Ray escaped with his life. He afterwards moved to Grinnell in 1879.

In September, 1882, he was married to Miss Cornelia Shepard of Painesville, Ohio., and the young wife was brought here to live. One daughter, Cornelia, was born to this union, the mother dying at the time of the baby's birth, and during all these years this talented child and woman has kept house for her father and cared for him in his growing old age.

During all his years here Mr. Clarke has been recognized as a man of honor and he has always lived up to the principles of the Christian religion which he espoused in his early life. He was an active and influential member of the Congregational church and believed in the political teachings of the Republican party, though not a hide-bound member of the Republican creed.

Genial in his manner and honorable in his dealings every one he knew was a friend and these friends he served with a devotion and love which made him a liked man among his fellows.

The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home on West street, conducted by Rev. E. M. Vittum and Rev. Robert Inglis. Burial will be in Hazelwood cemetery.