

H-R November 24, 1977
Mr. Decatur services held

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Lawrence Decatur, 85, of Rte. 2, Grinnell, died Sunday at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services for Mr. Decatur were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Hugh Shiveley, pastor of the Grinnell First Baptist Church, officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner. Pallbearers were Leo Ahrens, Virgil Doud, Cecil Hoffman, John Peak, Ralph VanSoelen, and Laird Wray.

Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of Samuel and Orilla Clapp Decatur, he was born Aug. 28, 1892, west of Grinnell. He attended rural school near his home.

Mr. Decatur had farmed on the family farm all of his life. He was also employed by Interstate Producers. He was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church and had served as secretary-treasurer of the Westfield Church. He was a past member of the Victor Grange and had served on the board of the Farm Bureau.

Survivors include his wife, Dolora; three daughters, Mrs. Doris Garrigan and Mrs. Marilyn Monsma, both of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Mrs. Mildred Jacobs of Rialto, Calif.; two step children, Mrs. Mildred Peters of Malcom and Mrs. Mary Ellen Lemke of Grinnell; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Delphena Durr of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by two wives, Grace Selle Decatur and Inez Darland Sutton Decatur; his parents; four brothers; and two sisters.