

Monday, January 4, 1965

Ralph Deck, 69, Dies Wednesday At Iowa City

Ralph Deck, 69, of 515 Fourth Ave., died suddenly Wednesday morning at an Iowa City hospital. He had been in failing health the past few years.

Services were conducted Saturday afternoon, Jan. 2nd, from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Charles E. Landis, pastor of the Grinnell Presbyterian church, officiating. Organ music was provided by Mrs. Rhee Auman.

Pallbearers were E. D. Crossett, Glen Harris, Lee Conner, Hiram Broyles, C. H. Dimit, and Verl Garwood. American Legion graveside rites were conducted at Hazelwood cemetery with W. K. Richardson, commander, Jack Day, chaplain, and members of Focht-Tennant Post No. 53 ceremonial unit.

He was the son of Ulysses Grant Deck and Minnie Helen Tullis

Deck and was born Feb. 5th, 1895, at Oskaloosa. Following graduation from Oskaloosa high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army on Dec. 14th, 1917, and served with the Air Service in France until his return to the United States when he was honorably discharged on Mar. 25th, 1919.

On Aug. 28th, 1920, he was united in marriage with Wilma Lois Curtis at Newton and to this union one son was born, Jack Edward Deck of New London, Iowa. Also surviving are two grandchildren, David and Timothy Deck, also of New London; and two sisters, Mrs. Mae Deck Hiatt of Lincoln, Neb., and Mrs. Gladys Deck Kilpatrick of San Francisco, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Harry, on Aug. 14th, 1963.

Following his discharge from the Army, Mr. Deck lived in Grinnell where he was employed as parts manager at the Ford garage. From 1930 to 1950, he held a similar position with the Ford garage at Fort Dodge. He returned to Grinnell in 1950 where he operated his own restaurant.

He was a member of Ashlar Masonic Lodge No. 111 of Fort Dodge, Focht-Tennant American Legion Post No. 53 and Hopeful

Barracks, World War I veterans organization, both of Grinnell. He was also active in "ham" radio circles and was a member of the American Radio Relay League. He served as Poweshiek County Civil Defense Officer and as Grinnell weather observer for several years.

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