

H-R March 23, 1981
Byron Devick rites Saturday

Byron W. Devick, 86, of Rte. 2, Gilman, died Thursday morning at Grinnell General Hospital following a lengthy illness. *March 19*

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Brian Cowan, pastor of the Northside Friends Church, officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner, and vocalist was Dottie Smith. Pallbearers were William Adkins, Clair Devick, Richard Devick, Raymond Mairs, Bill Shuler Jr. and Bill Shuler Sr. Graveside rites were conducted by members of the Paul Ward American Legion Post of Gilman. Burial was at the Stavanger Cemetery near Dunbar.

The son of Omund and Thea Erickson Devick, he was born Aug. 31, 1894, in Tama County. He attended rural school and later served with the U.S. Army during World War I.

In the early 1920s, he was married to Jessie Gallentine. The couple had three children. Following their marriage, they farmed near Dunbar. Mrs. Devick died in 1926, and in 1939 Mr. Devick returned to the family farm northeast of Gilman and farmed until 1959.

In 1962 he was married to Laura Mae Hall in Grinnell. They continued to live on the family farm. Mr. Devick was a member of the Paul Ward American Legion Post of Gilman.

He is survived by his wife, Laura; his children, Benjamin E. Devick of Des Moines, Cathryn E. Little of Grinnell and Gerald M. Devick of Bloomington, Minn.; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one brother and one sister. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Jessie; one great-grandson; four brothers and one sister.