

H.R. December 29, 1980
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services held

Howard Day Edwards, 79, of 1332 East St., Grinnell, died Tuesday noon, Dec. 23, of an

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apparent heart attack.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Friday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Robert C. Smith of the Grinnell First Baptist Church officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner, and pallbearers were Art Grosenbach, Gus Kaisand, Harold Moyer, Howard Neighbors, Bob Puls and Bob Strawser. Elks fraternal rites were conducted by members of the Grinnell Elks Lodge. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of Ezra A. and Josephine M. Day Edwards, he was born Dec. 10, 1901, at Lorimor. He attended the Lorimor schools, graduating in 1919 from Lorimor High School.

His family came to Grinnell in 1919 and purchased the Williams Ideal Grocery Store on Broad St. The Edwards Grocery Co. has been in business for the past 61 years here.

Mr. Edwards received his B.A. degree from Grinnell College in 1924. Following his education, he began his long association with the store.

He had been a member of B.P.O. Elks Lodge 1266 since 1925 and served as exalted ruler of the lodge in 1929, 1930 and 1931. He had served as deputy grand exalted ruler of

southeast Iowa in 1945 and as secretary of the lodge for 30 years — from 1932 to 1947, and from 1959 to 1974.

Mr. Edwards had served on the Grinnell school system's board of education for five three-year terms, beginning in 1936. He was also a member of Herman Masonic Lodge No. 273, AF and AM. He was a member of the Grinnell First Baptist Church, which was founded here by his great uncle, the Rev. George C. Edwards.

Mr. Edwards' business affairs included a membership on the board of directors of Grocery Wholesale, Inc., from 1944 to 1950, an organization which he had served as secretary and treasurer. He was also an active bowler.

Survivors include his wife, the former Margaret J. Fowler, whom he married on Sept. 8, 1937, near Bristol, Wis., and two sisters, Hazel and Marie Edwards, associated with him in the store operation.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Barbara R. Edwards, in 1979; a son, Howard Edwards Jr., who died in infancy; a sister, Ruth Edwards; two half brothers, Ernest L. Edwards and Chester Edwards; and a half sister, Ethel Bowman.