

Will Evans Will Be Missed

4-9-1934
Funeral Services for Respected
Member of This Community
Held Sunday Afternoon

William Arthur Evans, son of John and Esther Evans, was born April 8, 1872, in Davenport, Iowa, and passed away March 29, 1934, at his home. If he had lived ten more days he would have reached the age of 62 years.

He had been in poor health for two years; ten weeks of this time he was bedfast at the Community hospital.

Realizing the end was near, he asked to be taken home, where he spent his last days.

His parents moved to Grinnell when he was two years of age, and located on a farm in the Maple Grove neighborhood. His boyhood and young manhood were spent on the old family homestead in that vicinity.

On December 19, 1894, he was united in marriage to Pearl Spangler. To this union were born seven children, Willis Evans, Mrs. Everett Tew, Mrs. Charles Gray, Lyman Evans, Mrs. Alfred Walker, Louise and Russell Evans.

For the past 18 years the family have resided on his farm south of town.

For twenty years he was a rural mail carrier. He had carried mail on all the routes out of Grinnell either as a regular carrier or as a substitute. He gained many friends through his kindness and consideration of the patrons on his route. He retired from this work two years ago on account of ill health.

In early life, Mr. Evans united with the Baptist church of this city. He was active in church work, having been a member of the choir for several years. He loved to sing and was always ready to take his part in a male quartette.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father and one sister, Mrs. George Mackin.

Mr. Evans leaves to mourn his death, his wife, seven children, and six grandchildren. He is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. W. R. Scandrett, and Mrs. Mark Holmes of Grinnell; Mrs. Charles E. Wells of Montezuma, and three brothers, John, Charles and George, all of Grinnell; also many nephews and nieces and a host of friends.

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That he is dead; he is just away,
With a cheery smile, and a wave
of the hand

He has wandered into an unknown
land,
And left us dreaming how very
fair

It needs must be, since he lingers
there,
So think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of
Here,

Think of him still as the same,
and say—
He is not dead, he is just away."

The funeral services were held in the Baptist church at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. William Welsh. A quartet composed of E. G. Peterson, Ed Bohstedt, Jr., A. H. Rump and G. O. Hutchins, sang three effective selections, "Going Down the Valley," "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "Heaven Is My Home." Pallbearers were Edwin Parish, Charles Kimball, N. O. Pilgrim, Ewart Clark, John Cox and Ed Bohstedt. Burial was in Hazelwood.