

Rites held for

Edson Finley

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Edson Lee Finley, D.V.M., 94, of the Mayflower Home died Wednesday evening at the Mayflower Home Health Care Center. Oct. 27, 1975

Graveside services for Dr. Finley were held at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Rev. Philip J. Ramstad, pastor of the United Church of Christ-Congregational, officiating. Graveside rites were conducted by Clark Watkins and members of Hermon Masonic Lodge No. 273, A.F. & A.M. Pallbearers were Harry Bitcon, Ellis Brown, Lyman G. Case, Keith L. Gregory, A.O. McDowell and Noei B. Taylor.

Memorial services were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Dennis Chapel of the Mayflower Home, with the Rev. Mr. Ramstad officiating. Friends may call the Smith Funeral Home for additional information.

The son of David A. and Louisa I. Worcester Finley, he was born April 30, 1881, in Waterloo. He attended Waterloo public schools and was graduated from East Waterloo High School. He attended Iowa State University at Ames where he received his veterinary medicine degree.

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Dr. Finley began his practice in Waverly.

During World War I he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Veterinary Corps. In 1923, he worked with the state of Iowa in the eradication of tuberculosis in domestic animals. He later passed the U.S. Civil Service examination and was placed in charge of various Iowa districts for the eradication of contagious diseases in animals.

On July 1, 1939, he was married to Olive Huntington Avery in Waterloo. The couple made their home in Cedar Falls before moving to the Mayflower Home in 1965. Dr. Finley was a member of the United Church of Christ-Congregational, the Masonic Lodge, and Focht-Tennant Post No. 53, American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Olive; his son, Robert E. Finley of Los Angeles, Calif.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

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