

OBITUARY

FRANCIS A. FORD
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Francis A. Ford, son of Charles and Elizabeth Hamor Ford, was born August 27, 1887, at Grinnell, Iowa. He attended the public schools of his day and the Baptist Sunday school in his youth.

With the exception of a few years as a mechanic in Anamosa, Iowa, and brief residence in other areas, he spent his entire life in the Malcom and Grinnell vicinity. He enjoyed his business as a garage-man and spent many happy years on the farm.

He was united in marriage with Edna Gruhn, on March 21, 1910, at Newton, Iowa, and he had been a faithful companion for over 47 years in their home. Four children were born to this union.

His first interest was his home and family. His love of nature and his interest in a gun collection were manifest all his life. He was a member of the Masonic Order for 34 years.

Mr. Ford farmed south of Grinnell from 1939 until he retired in 1952, at which time he suffered an illness from which he never fully recovered. He took interest in life during the last five years in retirement, but entered the Grinnell Community hospital just a few days before his death. He passed away September 17, 1957, past 70 years of age. He was preceded in death by his parents and one grandson.

He is survived by his companion of the home, 3 daughters: Mrs. Ernest (Lois) Larsen, Malcom; Mrs. Laverne (Juanita) Sandstrom, Malcom; Mrs. Howard (Gladys) Green, Denver, Colo.; and one son, Burdette Ford, of Grinnell; also 12 grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Davis of Grinnell and Mrs. Helen Farley of Malcom; one brother, Louis Ford of Malcom; two aunts, Mrs. Myra Rivers and Mrs. Helen Spooner, both of Grinnell, and one uncle, Jess Hamor of Malcom, several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.