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## Fowler rites held Nov. 25

Funeral services for Ray E. Fowler, 79, were held Saturday, Nov. 25, at 1 p.m. in Winterset's First United Presbyterian Church.

Ray Fowler, a former Grinnell resident, died Nov. 22 at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

Officiating at the funeral was the Rev. Alan Parker. Burial was in the Winterset cemetery, with Masonic rites.

Born May 23, 1899, in rural Grinnell, he was the son of Joseph William and Eliza Melvina Albee Fowler. He spent his youth in Grinnell attending local schools and working in his father's creamery. He participated in the production of Grinnell's first ice cream cones.

On June 23, 1917, he married Algena Brown in Winterset. The couple lived in Grinnell until 1922, when they moved to Boone. After 16 years in that town, they moved to Winterset.

He owned and ran a creamery and butter plant in Winterset until 1948, and was also engaged in farming. His farms were repeatedly cited for outstanding soil conservation practices.

Ray Fowler was a former member of the Winterset utilities board of trustees, a member of the Presbyterian church, and a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge and Shrine.

Surviving are two daughters, Patricia (Mrs. George) Montross of Winterset and Beverly (Mrs. Donn) Klingman of LaGrange, Ill.; a sister, Mrs. Gus Otcheck of Grinnell; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife; an infant daughter, Rae Jenn; a brother, Weaver; and two sisters, Ruth and Theda.