

Monday, December 25, 1961

Elmer Gause, 84, Succumbs Friday; Lynnville Rites

Elmer O. Gause, 84, a resident of a local rest home the past four years, died suddenly Friday evening at a Grinnell hospital following a sudden illness.

Funeral services were scheduled for Tuesday afternoon from the Lynnville Friends church with the Rev. Myrtle Lee of the Searsboro Friends church and the Rev. J. W. Garbison of the Lynnville Friends church officiating. Vocal music was provided by Homer McDowell, accompanied by Mrs. Howard Macy at the organ.

Pallbearers were Lory Gause, Lewis Watson, Glen Brignon, William Gray, Floyd Hasley and Floyd Latham. Burial was in Friends cemetery at Lynnville with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

He was the son of Oliver and Mary Beals Gause and was born on a farm southwest of Searsboro on Dec. 17th, 1877. He attended the rural schools near his home.

On Jan. 15th, 1902, he was united in marriage with Stella Main at her home near Searsboro. To this union eight children were born, six of whom survive: Afton of Searsboro;

Mrs. Lawrence (Luella) Madill of Grinnell; Mrs. George (Mary) Howard of Elkhorn, Neb.; Mrs. Vance (Eula) Phillips of Gardena, Calif.; Mrs. Dale (Berdena) McMains of Sun Valley, Calif.; and Ray of Fort Worth, Tex.

Mr. Gause lived all his life on farms in Poweshiek and Jasper counties, except for one year in Boulder, Colo., and five years at Limon, Colo. He was a member of the Lynnville Friends church and was active in church and community affairs.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Stella in 1929; two children, Edwin Gause in 1921 and Ada Fern Gause in 1923; one brother, Lin Gause; and one sister, Ora Hathaway.

He is survived by his six children, 15 grandchildren, and four great grandchildren, as well as one brother and one sister, Lester Gause of Lynnville and Mrs. Goldie Latham of Searsboro.