

Monday, April 1, 1963

W. P. Hotchkin Dies Suddenly Saturday Morning

William P. Hotchkin, 72, of Grinnell, died suddenly Saturday morning while working in his garden.

Rosary services will be held at 7:30 p.m. today (Monday) from Smith Funeral Home. Requiem high mass will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday from St. Mary's Catholic church with the Rev. Leo V. Kuebrich, pastor, officiating.

Pallbearers will be Elmer Burnson, William Comerford, Hugo Hasselbrink, Joe Hotchkin, John Hotchkin, and Ed Speth. Burial will be in the Calvary section of Hazelwood cemetery with graveside rites conducted by American Legion Post No. 53 ceremonial unit.

Born west of Newton on Feb. 9, 1891, he was the son of William Arthur and Mary Ellen Dowling Hotchkin. He attended the schools near his family farm home and later enlisted in the Army, serving overseas with the 20th Engineers during World War I.

On April 20, 1921, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Harter at St. Columbanus Catholic church in Grinnell by the Rev. M. J. Hannon. To this union were born two children: Bernard Hotchkin of Rte. 2, Grinnell, and Mrs. Dale (Anna Marie) Mortenson of Grinnell.

Mr. Hotchkin farmed in the Grinnell area until 1940 when he moved to his present home. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church, Focht-Tennant Post No. 53 of the Grinnell American Legion, and Hopeful Barracks No. 1368 of the Grinnell Veterans of World War I.

Survivors include his widow, Elizabeth; his two children; and 12 grandchildren. Also surviving are three brothers and one sister: Vincent Hotchkin of Grinnell, Charles Hotchkin of Kellogg, Odo Hotchkin of Fairfield, and Mrs. William (Irene) Devereux of Adair.

Preceding him in death were two brothers, Edward and Francis, and a sister in infancy.