

Sam James, Former Grinnellian, Dies In California

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News of the death of Sam James, husband of Belle Dodge James and father of Mrs. Fred L. Riddle, both of El Centro, brings sorrow to the many who knew and loved him in this city. Death was the result of a long and serious illness.

Having made his home here for the past 10 years with Mr. and Mrs. Riddle, Mr. James was beloved by all who knew him for his gentle and unfailing courtesy, his fine traits of character which made him a shining example of a true Christian and real gentleman.

Born on March 17, 1853 in Scott county, Iowa, Mr. James was 82 years of age at the time of his death. He was married November 14, 1877, to Belle Dodge at her home in Buffalo, Iowa, and last November they celebrated their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary, these 57 years being marked by true affection and devotion which made their marriage outstanding.

Mr. and Mrs. James had five children, four of whom are survivors: John K. James, Medford, Ore.; Mary E. Osborne, Long Beach, Calif.; Frank R. James, Billings, Mont.; Dorothy J. Riddle, El Centro. He is survived by one brother, Henry James, of Pasadena.

Mr. James attended Grinnell College, and during the first years of his life was interested in mining and farming. In 1910 Mr. and Mrs. James moved to Montana because of Mrs. James' health, where they were interested in ranching. In 1925 they came to El Centro and have made their home here ever since where they have many friends.

Mr. James was a devout Christian, having joined the Methodist church in 1876. He was also a Mason, joining lodge No. 221, Davenport, Iowa, in 1880.

Rev. Irving T. Raab officiated. The funeral was a Masonic one under the auspices of the lodge.