

Monday, May 27, 1968

Last Rites Said For E. T. Jenkins

Eugene Thomas Jenkins, 68, of Grinnell, died Saturday morning at the Knoxville Veteran's Hospital. He had been in failing health for several years.

The son of Thomas Bartholomew and Myrtle Bell Cole Jenkins, Mr. Jenkins was born Oct. 6, 1899. He attended the local schools, and with the onset of World War I, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served with the A. E. F. in England.

Following his discharge he returned to Grinnell where he was employed by the Strand Theater as a motion picture machine operator. He later was employed by the Minneapolis and St. Louis R.R. and the Rock Island R.R.

Mr. Jenkins was united in marriage with Alma Grubb and to this union was born one daughter: Lois Jenkins now of Baltimore, Md. Mr. Jenkins is also survived by three sisters and two brothers: Louise and Edith Jenkins and Mrs. Marjorie Kelly of Grinnell; Orville Jenkins of Marshalltown, and Joseph Jenkins of Cedar Rapids, as well as several cousins and nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his father Thomas on February 25, 1949; his mother Myrtle on May 16, 1958; his brother Ralph in infancy; and his brother William Earl in 1925.

"Beanie" as he was commonly known had lived for a time in the State of Washington but later returned to Grinnell where for many years he had served as merchant policeman. He had been a member of the V.F.W. and the American Legion.

Funeral Services for Mr. Jenkins were held 2 p.m. Monday (today) at the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Ralph Beebe, of the Mayflower Home, officiating.

Organist was Mrs. Leonard Pearce, and casket bearers were Earl Brown, Gerald Phinns, Richard Clark, William Martens, Roy Holden, and Harry Hartzell.

Burial was in the family lot in Hazelwood Cemetery, with American Legion Graveside Rites conducted by Jack Day, chaplain, and members of the Focht-Tennant Post No. 53 American Legion Cerimonial Unit, W. K. Richardson, Commander.