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W. T. Johnson Dies; Last Rites Saturday

William T. Johnson, age 83, of Grinnell died Wednesday evening at the Nelson Manor nursing home in Newton, following an extended illness.

The son of Aaron and Anna Hoyt Johnson, Mr. Johnson was born on August 9, 1884, at Chariton, Mo. He attended the rural schools of this community and was a graduate of the Chapel Academy of Chariton.

He married Grace Jane Davis on Jan. 22, 1907, at Unionville, Mo. Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson lived for two years in Missouri and then moved to Poweshiek County and farmed until 1932. They lived in Malcom for two years and then moved to Grinnell where Mr. Johnson operated an implement store until the start of the war. He then went into the filling station business with his sons.

Mr. Johnson was a member of the Grinnell City Council, serving two terms, and was also a member of the Friends church.

Survivors include six daughters—Mrs. Willie (Irma) Laymiller of Grinnell, Mrs. Omar (Bernise) Milburn of Newton, Mrs. Glen (Naomi) Schafer of Grinnell, Mrs. Corvin (Thelma) Hadley of New Providence, Iowa; Mrs. George (Maxine) Strawser of Hibbing, Minn., and Mrs. Cleo (Betty) Strawser of Oconomowoc, Wis.; two sons—Virgil and Clifford of Grinnell; 24 grandchildren; 32 *great grandchildren*, a brother, Phillip Leslie of Grinnell, and a sister, Mrs. Leonard (Mabel) Landtiser of La Vonia, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Grace on Apr. 25, 1958; two brothers, and one sister.

Funeral services for Mr. Johnson will be Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at the James Schalinske Funeral Home. The Rev. Ercil Craven, pastor of the Oak Grove Friends church, will officiate and interment will be in the Hazelwood cemetery.