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Edwin Lincoln, ex-councilman, dies at 71

Edwin Lincoln, 71, of 1523 Eighth Ave., a long-time justice of the peace in Grinnell, died Sunday evening following an apparent heart attack.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. James P. Russell, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Organist was Mrs. Willard Heffner. Pallbearers were Earl Beyers, Earl Billings, Teunis DeRuiter, Charles Lincoln, Glen Lincoln, and Don Sarver. Honorary pallbearers were Don Ellis, Fred Grandstaff, Rex McDowell, Wiley Taylor, Max Allen, and Bill Peters.

Graveside rites were conducted by Roger Stewart, exalted ruler; Harry Bilcon, chaplain; and members of the Grinnell B.P.O. Elks Lodge No. 1266.

Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of Charles and Nellie McDowell Lincoln, he was born April 2, 1905, in the Oak Grove neighborhood south of Grinnell. He attended schools near the family farm, later attending Grinnell High School.

On Sept. 30, 1925, he was married to Ruth Johnson in Newton. The couple had three children. Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln farmed in the Oak Grove community for several years. During the late 1930s, he was forman of a road crew for Poweshiek County. He was a former member of the Grinnell City Council, as well as serving as justice of the peace.

Mr. Lincoln was a member of the Grinnell Elks Lodge, the Oak Grove Grange, the Poweshiek County Coin Club, and the State Association of Justices of the Peace. He was active in the Grinnell Baseball Association, having coached many Little League and Babe Ruth League teams.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; his children, Max E. Lincoln of Grinnell, Mrs. Earl (Barbara) Reedy of Grinnell, and Gary L. Lincoln of Stuart; six grandchildren; a brother, Ross A. Lincoln of Grinnell; and a sister, Mrs. Wayne (Wilma) Adams of Granada Hills, Calif.

Mr. Lincoln was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister.