

Monday, December 2, 1963

Saturday Rites Conducted For Ralph Little, 70

Ralph Little, 70, of 715 Second Ave., died early Thursday morning at a local hospital following one week of hospitalization. He had not been in the best of health for the past 15 years.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Kenneth Pehlencz, pastor of the First Friends church, officiating. Organ music was provided by Mrs. Esther Auman.

Pallbearers were Russ Otcheck, Sam Ragan, Eldon Olds, Orric Haag, Ed Speth and Verl Garwood. Honorary pallbearers were Donald Killion, George Harbison, Roy Martin, Ernest Beason, and Columbus Van Tassie.

Burial was in Hazelwood cemetery with American Legion graveside rites conducted by Commander W. K. Richardson and members of Focht-Tennant Post No. 53, Grinnell.

The son of Lewis and Catherine Jane Walker Little, he was born on a farm south of Newbure in Jasper county on Aug. 24th, 1893. On Apr. 15th, 1918, in Grinnell, he was united in marriage with Willie Barrett.

Two weeks after his marriage, he enlisted in the United States Army and served in France with Co. K, 357th Infantry. Severely wounded in the St. Mihiel drive, he was decorated with the Purple Heart.

Upon his return to Grinnell after his discharge he was employed at the Grinnell Washing Machine Co. He was a member of Lodge No. 1266, B.P.O. Elks, and American Legion Focht-Tennant Post No. 53, both of Grinnell.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife, Willie, about 30 years ago; and one sister in infancy.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Alta M. Clay and Ruth Little, both of Grinnell; and one brother, Stanley M. Little of New Orleans, La.