

Goodbye To Dave McBlain

9-27-1934
Impressive Funeral Services Are
Held Sunday Afternoon From
Methodist Church

DATE OF FUNERAL WOULD
HAVE BEEN 75th BIRTHDAY

Members of "Bob Coutts' Sunday
School Class" Attend in a
Body

Tribute to a long life well lived
was paid when funeral services
were held Sunday afternoon at the
Methodist church for the late Da-
vid McBlain. Members of "Bob
Coutts' Sunday School class," of
which for many years Mr. Mc-
Blain had been an active member,
attended the services in a body.

Rev. H. S. Wilkinson, pastor of
the church, conducted the services
and spoke in terms of deep appre-
ciation of the fine life which had
closed. He referred to the fact
that the day of his funeral would
have been Mr. McBlain's seventy-
fifth birthday if he had lived.

Mrs. Margery Bouma sang two
favorite songs of Mr. McBlain's,
"The Old Rugged Cross" and "My
Ain Cootree."

Pallbearers were Willis Martz,
Bert Shaw, Norman Pilgrim, Wil-
liam Bader, John Keister and Ed
Wright. Burial was in Hazelwood.

There were many fine qualities
in David McBlain, but The Herald
will always remember him best as
a man who loved all growing
things. Flowers and vegetables
and fruits grew for him because
he loved and cared for them. The
place on south East street where
he has labored for so many years,
was a little bit of paradise, with
all its fruits in its season and
among them, moving unhurriedly
but efficiently with his one arm.
David McBlain labored happily
and successfully. God must have
loved one who loved all of God's
growing things.

David McBlain, son of Alexander
and Elizabeth McBlain, was born
in Kirkmichael, Ayrshire, Scot-
land, Feb. 25, 1859, and passed
away at his home Feb. 23, 1934,
aged 74 years, 11 months and 28
days.

May 30, 1881, the family, fath-
er, mother, and eight children ar-
rived in Grinnell from Scotland,
and this has been David McBlain's
home ever since. He was the oldest
and the first of the children to go.

He was united in marriage to
Miss Emma Elizabeth Miller, Dec.
7, 1900. To this union were born
two children, Martha Elizabeth at
home, and Mrs. L. J. Marlowe of
Oak Park, Ill.

There remain to mourn his de-
parture his wife, and children, and
one grandson, David Andrew Mar-
lowe and two brothers, Roy, A. W.
of Danville, and John of Grinnell,
and five sisters, Mrs. Mary Heesch,
Davepont, Ia.; Mrs. Elizabeth
Powell, Grinnell; Mrs. Nellie Moss
of Young Sask., Canada; Mrs. Ag-
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in everything that pertained to the
Kingdom of God.

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DAVID McBLAIN FUNERAL RITES ON YESTERDAY

Grinnell Pays Tribute To Worthy and Re- spected Citizen.

Feb 23, 1934,

Sunday afternoon the Methodist church was filled with friends and relatives gathered to attend the funeral service for David McBlain, honored and respected citizen of Grinnell, who passed away at his home on Friday of last week. The service was conducted by Rev. Herbert S. Wilkinson, pastor of the church.

Mrs. Margery Bouma sang two favorite songs of the deceased, songs he loved to sing, "The Old Rugged Cross" and "My Ain Country." Serving as bearers were: Willis Martz, Bert Shaw, Norman Pilgrim, William Bader, John Kester and Mr. Wright.

While Mr. Wilkinson has not known David McBlain long, he seems to have recognized and appreciated his unusual qualities of mind and character, and in his simple, intimate talk of the life of this good man, especially emphasized his hunger and desire for the spiritual and intellectual life. He spoke, for instance, of watching his face, aglow with interest and enthusiasm, as he drank in the words of a speaker at the recent Gates lectures at the college.

Mr. McBlain's family includes: Mrs. Nellie Moss, of Young Saskatchewan; Mrs. Agnes Case, Iota, Iowa; Mrs. Jean Punnett, Kansas City, Mo. One brother, Hugh, died in Scotland a few years ago, and two brothers died in infancy.

When about 18 years of age, while still in Scotland, he lost a finger, and the year he came to America he lost his right arm in an accident at Kearney, Neb., and later an explosion of blue vitrol burned his eyes and for months it was feared he would never see again.

Shortly after he sought the forgiveness of sins at a sunrise meeting and he had such a glorious and convincing conversion that he never doubted it for a moment.

Mr. Wilkinson also spoke of Mr. McBlain's constant and faithful attendance, and keen interest in the Men's Bible Class, more familiarly known as "Bob Goutts Sunday School Class", and in any message the pastor might bring to the regular services of the church. His religion was so much a part of his daily living, and enjoyment of life, that on this, the seventy-fifth anniversary of his birth, his pastor felt our friend David McBlain was celebrating his birthday in heaven where long ago his name was written on the Lamb's Book of Life. Members of the Sunday School Class he so much enjoyed for so many years, attended the service in a body.

Mr. McBlain was ill but a short time, having been stricken on Sunday evening, February 18. While he recovered consciousness he was not able to speak, the paralysis being practically complete. In connection with the funeral service the following obituary was read.

David McBlain, son of Alexander and Elizabeth McBlain, was born in Kirkcubrecht, Ayrshire, Scotland, February 25, 1859 and passed away at his home February 23, 1934, age 74 years, 11 months and 28 days.

May 30, 1881 the family, father, mother, and eight children, arrived in Grinnell from Scotland, and this has been David McBlain's home ever since. He was the oldest and the first of the children to go.

He was united in marriage to Miss Emma Elizabeth Miller, December 7, 1900. To this union were born two children, Martha Elizabeth at home, and Mrs. L. J. Marlowe of Oak Park, Ill.

There remains to mourn his departure his wife, and children, and one grandson, David Andrew Marlowe and two brothers, Rev. A. W. of Davenport and John of Grinnell, and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Heesch, Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. Elizabeth Pow-

He was a member of the Methodist church and deeply interested in everything that pertained to the Kingdom of God.

By a strange coincidence his mother was buried on the anniversary of his father's birthday, his father was buried on the anniversary of their arrival in Grinnell, and David buried on the anniversary of his birthday.