Monday, March 13, 1961

Services Held Here Today For Van McCrery, 86

Van McCrery, 86, Grinnell, died Friday evening at a local hospital following a month's failing health.

Funeral services were held this afternoon (Monday) from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. C. E. Knezevich, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Masonic funeral lodge was conducted by Sharp Lanier, Worshipful Master, and members of Herman Lodge No. 97, Grinnell.

Following cremation, interment will be in the Centerville cemetery.

He was born Feb. 12th, 1875, near Keokukta in Van Buren County, the oldest child of Mr. Clinton and Mary Hills McCrery. He was a graduate of Centerville high school and later attended business college at Princeton, Ill.

On Nov. 30th, 1896, he was united in marriage with Blanche Brung at Centerville and to this union two sons were born: John C. McCrery of Cedar Rapids and Robert H. McCrery of Los Angeles, Calif. He is also survived by two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1953, and by his parents.

Mr. McCrery lived in Des Moines and worked as a traveling salesman before moving to Grinnell 20 years ago. He was employed as a clerk at the Monroe Hotel for many years.

He was a member of the Masonic lodge for over 60 years and was a member of the cemetery for 50 years. Also, he was a 32nd degree Mason.