

Monday, February 15, 1960

Robert McDowell Services Tuesday At First Friends

Services for Robert McDowell, 62, Rte. 3, will be held Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the First Friends church with the Rev. G. C. Jurrens of Des Moines officiating.

Mr. McDowell died suddenly Thursday evening at his home.

Vocal music at the services will be provided by Miss Lois Laymiller, accompanied by Mrs. Willie Laymiller at the piano. Pallbearers will be Kenneth Esler, Myron Esler, Willie Laymiller, Ross Lincoln, Robert Osborn and Harold Whitaker. Honorary pallbearers will be Paul Bacon, Raymond Hutcheson, Wilbur Hutchison, Keith Osborn, Wayne Osborn, Harold Harner, Max McDowell and Edwin Lincoln.

American Legion graveside rites will be conducted by members of Fort-Tennant Post No. 63, Dave Matlack, commander. Burial will be at Hazelwood cemetery with the Smith Funeral Home in charge.

He was the son of David and Mauida McConaghe McDowell and was born in the Oak Grove neighborhood south of Grinnell on June 10, 1897. He attended the local rural schools near his home and enlisted in the armed forces during World War I.

On Feb. 12, 1919, he was united in marriage with Mayr Elizabeth Esler at Grinnell by the Rev. Robert Lincoln. In 1923 the family moved to their home in the Chester community from Oak Grove.

Mr. McDowell was a birthright member of the Oak Grove Friends church.

He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Stanley Pauline Louise Jurrens of Salford, Mich.; three granddaughters; six sisters, Mrs. Margaret Laymiller, Mrs. Nellie Lincoln, Mrs. W. J. Osborn and Mrs. Mary Burch, all of Grinnell; Mrs. R. L. Hutcheson of Kellaeg, and Mrs. J. W. Harner of Des Moines.

OBITUARY

ROBERT McDOWELL

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2-18-1960
Robert McDowell, age 62 years and 8 months, of Rte. 3, Grinnell, Iowa, passed away suddenly Thursday evening at his home.

Mr. McDowell was the son of David and Matilda McConaghie McDowell and was born in the Oak Grove neighborhood south of Grinnell on the 10th day of June 1897. He was a birthright member of Oak Grove Friends church.

In his boyhood days he attended the local rural schools near his home. During the dark war days of World War I, Mr. McDowell, a young man, felt the need of his country's call. He enlisted in the Armed Forces on the 28th day of May, 1917, and served in American Expeditionary Forces from October 17, 1918, to January 5, 1919, and was honorably discharged on January 18, 1919.

On February 12, 1919, he was united in marriage with Mary Elizabeth Epler at Grinnell by the Rev. Robert Lincoln. To this union was born one daughter, Pauline Louise.

In 1928 the family moved to the Chester community. Mr. McDowell became a successful farmer and was profoundly interested in many community activities and was highly respected by his many friends and neighbors.

He is survived by his widow, Mary Elizabeth; one daughter, Mrs. Stanley (Pauline Louise) Jurrens of Saginaw, Mich.; three grandchildren, namely, Jeffrey Kent, Terry Lynn, and Mark Randall; six sisters: Mrs. Margaret Laymiller, Mrs. Nellie Lincoln, Mrs. W. J. Osborn, and Mrs. Mary Burch, all of Grinnell; Mrs. R. L. Hutchison of Kellogg, and Mrs. J. W. Harner of Des Moines.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother, and two brothers: David John and Dana McDowell.

Memorial services were held Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the First Friends church in Grinnell with the Rev. G. C. Jurrens of Carbondale, Ill., officiating. Vocal music was by Miss Lois Laymiller, accompanied by Mrs. Willie Laymiller at the piano. Flower bearers were Mr. and Mrs. George Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Mikel.

Pallbearers were Kenneth Epler, Myron Epler, Willie Laymiller, Ross Lincoln, Robert Osborn and Harold Whitaker. Honorary pallbearers were Paul Bacon, Harold Harner, Raymond Hutchison, Wilbur Hutchison, Edwin Lincoln, Max McDowell, Keith Osborn and Wayne Osborn.

Graveside services were conducted by the ceremonial unit of Focht-Tennant Post No. 53, American Legion. Interment was in Hazelwood cemetery.