

Thursday, June 6, 1963

Charles E. McNeal Succumbs; Rites Scheduled Friday

Charles E. McNeal, 75, of Grinnell, died Monday at a local hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday from the Steffy Funeral Home at Montezuma. Officiating will be the Rev. Chester Custer, pastor of the Grinnell Methodist church.

Burial will be in the Masonic-IOOF cemetery at Montezuma.

The son of George and Annetta McNeal, he was born in Jackson township, Poweshiek county, on May 27th, 1888. He attended the Gorsuch rural school south of Montezuma and later assisted his father with farm work.

On July 12th, 1907, he was united in marriage with Lelah McFerguson and they became the parents of three children. Their entire married life was spent in Poweshiek county.

He was a member of the Montezuma Methodist church and later transferred his membership to the Grinnell Methodist church. In 1962, he was awarded a 50-year pin by the IOOF lodge. Also, he was a longtime member of the Knights of Pythias lodge.

Following the death of his wife in 1947, he moved to Grinnell to be near his daughters.

Survivors include two daughters, Aletha McNeal and Marian Clark, both of Grinnell; and one son, James McNeal of Scottsdale, Ariz.

Also surviving are four grandchildren; one brother, Lee McNeal of New Sharon; and two sisters, Mrs. Elmer Sarah of Pacifica, Calif., and Mrs. Emma Neswander of Tama.

Charles McNeal *M.R.*
Was 50 Years *6-13-63*
I. O. O. F. Brother

Charles E., son of George and Annetta McNeal, was born in Jackson township, Poweshiek county, May 27, 1888, and died at St. Francis hospital, Grinnell, June 3, at 75 years of age.

He attended the Gorsuch rural school and assisted with the farm work.

On July 12, 1907, he was united in marriage with Lelia McFerguson, and to this union, three children were born. Their entire married life was spent in farming in Poweshiek county.

He was a member of the Montezuma Methodist church. In 1947, he moved to Grinnell and transferred his membership to the Grinnell Methodist church. He was a faithful attendant as long as his health permitted.

In 1962, he was awarded his 50 year membership pin in the Independent Order of Oddfellows. He was, also, a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge.

Since the death of Mrs. McNeal in 1947, he made his home in Grinnell, to be near his daughters. For almost a year, he has been cared for in the hospital.

He is survived by his children, Aletha McNeal and Marian Clark, Grinnell, and James B. McNeal, Scottsdale, Ariz., four grandchildren, Barbara Wagenknecht and Nancy Clark, Grinnell, and James Craig and Michiel Charles McNeal, Scottsdale; A brother, Lee McNeal, New Sharon; two sisters, Mrs. Elmer Reed, Pacifica, Calif., and Mrs. Perle Niswander, Tama; other relatives and many friends.

Memorial services were conducted at 10:30 June 7 at the Steffy Funeral Home by the Rev. Chester Custer. Alice Underwood played the musical selections and accompanied Bill Rempp as he sang "Beyond the Sunset" and "In the Garden".

Interment was in the family lot in Masonic-IOOF cemetery. Casket bearers were Eldon Hedrick, Foster Pugh, Max Gabriel, T. W. Chambers, Howard Cook and Loel