

Mr. Newcomer Found Dead In Car Here

Chester John Newcomer, resident of the Grinnell and Newburg communities throughout his lifetime, died suddenly late Thursday at his home here. He was 66 years old.

He was found in his car parked at the driveway of his home at 1421 Spencer street.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the Congregational church with Rev. Leland Mann of Grinnell and Rev. Helen Turner of Newburg officiating.

In failing health the past few years, Mr. Newcomer had gone about his work as usual and apparently suffered a heart attack upon arriving home.

Son of John and Laura Sisco Newcomer, both deceased, he was born Feb. 17, 1889 at Newburg in Hickory Grove township, Jasper county. He was married May 23, 1916 at Marshalltown to Bertha Florence Newton.

They lived in the Newburg community until coming to Grinnell in 1937. He was a farmer.

Mr. Newcomer was a member of the Congregational church.

Surviving are his wife, Bertha; four daughters, Mrs. Hugh (Maxine) Loudon of Grinnell; Mrs. Rabern (Hildred) Davis of Monroe; Mrs. H. M. (Viola) Zimmerman of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. J. C. (Imogene) Knowles of Cambria, Calif.; and a sister, Alma Newcomer Burroughs of near Newburg.

Preceding him in death besides his parents were three brothers, Arthur, Charles and Edward.

At the final rites, organ selections were by Norman Goodland and pallbearers were Henry Krause, Don Loudon, Wendell Paul, George Rist, Dave Ross and Melvin Stoker.

Smith Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

OBITUARY

CHESTER JOHN NEWCOMER

Chester John Newcomer, son of John and Laura Newcomer, was born February 17, 1889 near Newburg, Iowa and passed away at his home in Grinnell on June 9th. He attended rural school in Hickory Grove Township and graduated from Grinnell High School in 1910 after which he engaged in farming on the home place until 1937 when he moved to a farm near Grinnell where he continued working until his death from heart failure.

He was married to Bertha F. Newton on May 23, 1915. To this union were born 4 daughters—Maxine, Hildred, Viola and Imogene. Chester Newcomer's main interest was his unflinching devotion to his family and serving his community. Early in life he joined the Newburg Congregational Church, and Christian principles were dominant in his life. His character can be best described by his kindness, generosity, and willingness to do more than his share in helping his neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother and three brothers. Surviving are his wife and four daughters: Mrs. Hugh Loudon, Mrs. Rabern Davis, Mrs. Meredith Zimmerman, and Mrs. Jack Knowles; a sister, Mrs. R. M. Burroughs of Gilman; nine grandchildren; many nieces and nephews, and cousins, and a host of friends.