

Thursday, July 9, 1970

Raymond Norris Services Friday

Raymond Norris, 76, of 1217 Fifth Ave., Grinnell, died at his home Tuesday evening as the result of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The son of James Wilson and Lora Culler Norris, he was born in Grinnell on Aug. 18, 1893. He attended the Grinnell schools, graduating from Grinnell High school.

During World War I, he served in the U.S. Navy for 21 months. On May 16, 1920, he married Esther Harpster at Davenport, Iowa, and the couple continued to make their home in Grinnell. He was associated with his brother Paul in operation of the J.W. Norris oil station for a number of years until his retirement in 1960.

Mr. Norris was a member of the Methodist church, having served in a number of lay activities. He was a member of the official board, the church's building committee and the Methodist Men's Club. He was also a member of Focht-Tennant Post No. 33 of the American Legion and Hermon Masonic Lodge No. 273.

He is survived by his brother, Paul Norris of Grinnell, as well as three nieces and four nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife and two sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Slater and Mrs. Katherine Meors.

Funeral services for Mr. Norris will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Hugh A. Shively, minister of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Organist will be Mrs. Willard Heffney, and pallbearers will include Lyman Case, John Callen, Max Hays, Orric Haag, Charles Many and Eldon Olds.

American Legion graveside rites will be conducted by the Focht-Tennant ceremonial unit. Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home.

Should friends desire, memorials in Raymond Norris' name may be made to the Methodist Church Building Fund.