

Sam Ragan ^{H-12} 3/31/76 services held

Samuel C. Ragan, former director of relief for Poweshiek County, died Monday morning at the Iowa Soldiers Home in Marshalltown. He was 80.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with Dr. O. W. Cooley, pastor of the Gilman United Methodist Church, officiating. Organist was Mrs. Willard Heffner, and pallbearers were

Don Baker, Verl Garwood, Harry Gwin, Harold Heinle, Paul Heinle and Kenneth Smith. Honorary pallbearers were Wesley Ahrens, Thomas Clark, LaVaughn Cram, Kenneth Haynes, Robert McWilliams and Dr. S. D. Porter.

Military Rites

Graveside rites were conducted by Don Baker, commander; W. K. Richardson, chaplain; and members of the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit.

Burial was at the veterans section of Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The son of Collin B. and Mary



Samuel C. Ragan

Jane Jacobs Ragan, he was born in Harper, Iowa, on March 28, 1895. He attended rural school near his home and was graduated from Sigourney High School.

During World War I, he served with the U.S. Army in France. Following his discharge, he was deputy sheriff in Keokuk County for two years and served as Keokuk County auditor for 10 years. He served as chief clerk for the Iowa House of Representatives for two years.

Relief Director

In 1939, Mr. Ragan moved to Grinnell where he became director of relief for Poweshiek County, a position he held for 30 years. He was a charter member and the first adjutant and commander of the Sigourney American Legion Post. He once served on the Legion's National Membership and Post Activities Committee and as vice commander of the Legion's Fifth District. On Nov. 10, 1958, he was awarded an honorary life membership by Focht-Tennant Post No. 53 in Grinnell.

Mr. Ragan was instrumental in establishing a permanent home for the American Legion here, as well as the Veterans Memorial Building.

He was also a member of the Forty and Eight, the V.F.W., and the State Welfare Association. He was Poweshiek County chairman of the United Fund of Iowa, Inc., to expand and improve U.S.O. services in this country and overseas, and was active in Republican party work.

Mr. Ragan is survived by his son, Robert R. Ragan of Newton; one granddaughter, Cherie Ragan of Greenfield; five step-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Harry Arthur and Patrick Ragan; two sisters, Mrs. Kathryn Utterback and Mrs. Grace Rogers; and one half-brother, Burt Ragan.