

## Bid Farewell To A Friend

Funeral Services For Grant Ramsey Are Held From Congregational Church Thursday  
**BUSINESS HOUSES 5-11:30**  
**CLOSE FOR FUNERAL**

Rev. Robert Inglis and Rev. E. M. Vittum Are in Charge of the Services

All the business houses of Grinnell closed at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon out of respect to Grant Ramsey, president of the Grinnell Chamber of Commerce, for whom funeral services were held in the Congregational church. The spontaneous grief of the whole community was evidenced by the large attendance which filled the main auditorium of the church. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Robert Inglis, assisted by the pastor emeritus, Rev. E. M. Vittum.

The church was beautifully decorated with a wealth of floral displays conveying the sympathy of the many friends of the family, which were arranged against a background of evergreen trees. As the audience assembled Professor H. W. Matlack played softly on the organ. Mr. Inglis opened the service by reading from the Scripture passages full of comfort and hope to sorrowing hearts. J. L. Lindsey sang "In the Garden" with the accompaniment of Professor Matlack and Rev. Mr. Vittum offered an eloquent prayer. Mr. Lindsey closed with another selection, "The Hands Are in His Hands," by Ernest R. Ball.

Mr. Inglis delivered the address. He said that the life of every man is an epic and this was especially true of the life of Grant Ramsey, with its many activities and its devotion to the welfare of the community. His was a difficult task, he declared, for all of those present wanted him to put into words the feelings which they carried in their hearts. He pointed out that Mr. Ramsey's life was one of struggle forward. He was consistently progressing to better things. He was the victim of the peculiar strain and stress of the life of the

present day, he said, but was also victor over these conditions which look the toll of his vigorous manhood. He was happiest when busiest and his life was one of accomplishment. He had been told many times, he said, that no man in Grinnell would be missed more than Grant Ramsey and now that he was gone some one must be found to take up the work which he had done so cheerfully and uncomplainingly, not only in his own business but for the church, the Chamber of Commerce, the lodges with which he was connected and in the many channels in which his activity directed itself.

Pall bearers were F. F. Clindin, George Kelley, Dr. O. H. Gallagher, Frank Knight, L. V. Phelps and R. E. Bates.

Ushers at the funeral were Paul Wray, James Morrison, William Pryor and David Phillips.

Out of town relatives present at the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schultz, Mrs. Willard Seager of Gilman; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tone of Marshalltown; Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Rust, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Proctor of Des Moines; Mrs. Morris Heagy from Rock Island, Ill.

The Herald is glad to be permitted to print the following tribute to Mr. Ramsey, written by Mrs. R. Y. Kerr, a close friend, whose words of appreciation of the good life which has ended will be read with appreciation by many friends.

Grant Ramsey, son of John and Fanny Rice Ramsey, was born October 29, 1878, and died at Grinnell, Tuesday morning, March 8, 1932.

During his youth he attended country school and the Gilman high school; and after his family came to Grinnell, in 1898, he entered the Grinnell high school. He was captain of both the football and track teams, and all his life he had a keen interest in athletics. In the fall of 1899 he was employed by the Bailey & Rinefort department store in Grinnell. Later he traveled in Idaho and Washington for the Bailey Carney Buggy Co. Following this exper-

ience he returned to Grinnell and was employed by Proctor, Cady & Co.; and in 1902 he purchased the grocery department of this store. For twenty years he was in the grocery business, and during this time he served as a director of the Crocker Wholesale Co. of Des Moines. After selling his grocery business in 1923, he became a partner in the Grinnell Brokerage Co.; and since 1930 he has been associated with the Clindin Insurance Agency. He was a director of the first Grinnell Washing Machine Co., a director of the Grinnell Savings Bank, and President of the Grinnell Brick & Tile Co.

During his busy life, Mr. Ramsey found time to engage extensively in community work; and the city of Grinnell mourns one of its most purposeful and accomplished citizens. Several years ago he was President of the Grinnell Commercial Club; and at the time of his death he was President of the Grinnell Chamber of Commerce. He served several terms as a member of the school board and was twice President of the Country Club.

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No brief account of the events of his life could indicate his vigorous and joyous personality. He had a genius for friendship; and wherever he lived or worked, there he had loyal and grateful friends who cherish the memory of endless deeds of kindness and service. It has been said of him repeatedly that he worked for everyone but himself. No task was too hard, if a friend needed help; and even his intimate associates did not know that during recent years he was spending his strength for others at a time when that splendid strength was falling.

Into the golden sanctuaries of his family life we may not enter, but there the qualities of his heart came to full flower. To his own he was guide, philosopher and friend. Their happiness was infinitely more to him than his own achievements; and their sorrows called to his boundless powers of comfort. To them he has left a heritage of comradeship and of understanding and devotion that will go with them down through the years.

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To Mrs. Ramsey and the family The Herald can only extend its personal sympathy and the assurance that the whole community is sorrowing with them in their great bereavement.

**PROMINENT  
BUSINESS MAN  
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- Rev. March 10, 1932

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Commerce Dies.**

Everyone in Grinnell was shocked at the sudden death of Grant Ramsey, age 53, prominent business man, who died Tuesday morning at the Grinnell hospital. Mr. Ramsey contracted the flu several weeks ago and was taken to the hospital where complications set in. Ramsey was born on a farm miles east of Gilman and at-

tended the Grinnell high school. He has been engaged in business here for the past thirty-five years. Most of that time he was in the grocery business and then during the past few years he was engaged in the real estate and insurance business.

He is survived by his widow and four children, Frederick, John, Elizabeth and Mary Helen. He was a member of the Masonic bodies, the Knights of Pythias and the Congregational church.

The funeral services were held this afternoon at two o'clock from the Congregational church and during the hours of the service all of the business houses were closed out of respect to one of Grinnell's finest citizens. Rev. Robert Inglia was in charge of the services and music was furnished by J. L. Lindsey accompanied by H. W. Matlack. Pallbearers were George Kelley, Dr. O. H. Gallagher, F. F. Cindimin, L. V. Phelps and Frank Knight. Interment was at Hazelwood.

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Among the young business men of Grinnell none stands higher in the estimation of the people than Grant Ramsey, who is at the head of one of the most flourishing commercial enterprises in the city. He was born in Gilman, Marshall county, Iowa, October 28, 1878, a son of John and Fannie (Rice) Ramsey, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Ohio. The mother removed to Franklin Grove, Illinois, with her parents, and Mr. Ramsey came to the same place in his young manhood. They were married there and he engaged in farming until 1895, when he removed to Iowa by wagon and located upon one hundred and sixty acres of government land near Gilman, in Tama county. He proceeded to improve his property and later purchased eighty acres adjoining, making a farm of two hundred and forty acres which became highly productive. In 1898 he removed to Grinnell. The mother was called away in 1903, and in the spring of 1910 Mr. Ramsey was married to Mrs. Hausen, widow of Henry Hausen. Mrs. Ramsey was a schoolmate of her husband in the early days. She was residing at Franklin Grove, Illinois, at the time of her second marriage and Mr. Ramsey has since made his home there. He is a member of the Congregational church and in business affairs has been highly successful, having attained a position of comparative financial independence. Grant Ramsey was reared under the parental roof and received his early education in the district schools. Later he attended the Grinnell high school. Having decided upon a mercantile career, he began as a clerk in the hardware and

grocery store of Bailey & Rinefort, continuing therein for three years. He then spent one summer in the west with Mr. Bailey in the buggy-trailing business. Upon returning to Grinnell he went to work in the grocery department of Proctor, Cady & Company and on June 1, 1903, purchased the business from his employer. By the application of up-to-date methods he has built up a large patronage and is now at the head of the largest grocery, bakery and market business in this section of the state. He is also a stockholder and a member of the board of directors of the Grinnell Savings Bank and the Grinnell Brick & Tile Company.

On June 1, 1904, Mr. Ramsey was united in marriage to Miss Mamie Proctor, a daughter of F. O. Proctor, formerly a prominent business man of Grinnell, but now deceased. Of this union two children have been born: Frederick P. and John P. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey are valued members of the Congregationalist church. Politically he gives his support to the republican party and fraternally he is identified with Herman Lodge, No. 273, A. F. & A. M., and Grinnell Lodge, No. 175, K. P. He is also identified with the Commercial Club and the Pove-shields of Grinnell. He has been remarkably enterprising and his energy has met with well merited reward. His business methods are straightforward and his substantial qualities have won for him a general and lasting regard.

# In Memoriam

## 1879—GRANT RAMSEY—1932

Today in every heart is felt a keen sense of personal loss. The vacant chair awakens fond memories of a kindly, courteous, Christian gentleman, who was for many years associated with the business interests of our city, and at the time of his death was President of The Grinnell Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Ramsey passed away at the Community Hospital Tuesday morning after a brief illness. He was one of those rare characters whom we meet and know all too seldom. To know him was a privilege; to know him well as we knew him was to hold for him an affection which can be expressed only by the simple yet meaningful words—to know him was to love him. Intensely loyal to his friends and business associates, he had the all too rare traits of character which inspired in those with whom he worked a corresponding loyalty to himself and the organization to which he gave so generously of his time and energy.

His was the sort of character which binds close the ties of friendship, and which engendered none of the dislikes so common with most of us. That he had not an enemy best tells the story of his unselfish personality, his life, and his character. Despite the myriad of duties incidental to his life, he was never too busy to lend a helping hand whenever, or wherever needed, a member of one of Grinnell's finest pioneer families, ever a leader in every movement for the development, and betterment, of Grinnell, whether these movements found expression in civic or church realms.

In respect to his memory the business houses were closed during the funeral services. To the bereaved family and friends we extend our sincere sympathy and share with you the happy memories of a life which will ever be an inspiration.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS  
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