

Tuesday Rites¹² To Be Held For₁₉₆₂ Walter Rivers, 65

Walter A. Rivers, 65, Rte. 3, Grinnell, died Saturday morning at the veterans hospital in Knoxville where he had been a patient the past several days. He had been in ill health since 1960.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday from the Smith Funeral Home with Dr. G. S. Bruland, minister of the Methodist church, officiating. Organ music will be provided by Mrs. Kathleen Heffner.

Serving as pallbearers will be Croft Pilgrim, Emory Farley, Worth Belden, Delmar Adkins, Ross Mintle and Verner Bolen.

American Legion graveside rites will be conducted by Focht-Tennant Post No. 53 of Grinnell. Interment will be in Hazelwood cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The son of John F. and Miranda Hamor Rivers, he was born May 3rd, 1897, in Poweshiek county, one of a family of three children. He received his education in the local schools, graduating with the class of 1915 at Grinnell high school.

Mr. Rivers served with the Signal Corps of the U.S. Army during World War I and following his discharge in 1919, enrolled in Iowa State College for one year. He returned to the Grinnell area and resided on the farm east of Grinnell until his health failed.

He attended the Methodist church, and was a member of the Grinnell American Legion, Masonic Lodge and the Farm Bureau.

Survivors include two sisters, Martha Ethel Rivers of Rte. 3, Grinnell, and Grace Genevieve Rivers of North Aurora, Ill. Also surviving are several cousins.

Preceding him in death were his father in 1935 and his mother in 1961.