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## Fred O. Roop, 78, Veteran Police Officer, Succumbs

Fred O. Roop, 78, of 1524 Fifth Avenue, a member of the Grinnell Police Department for over 25 years, died Friday evening at a local nursing home. He had been in poor health the past several years.

Funeral services were held this afternoon (Monday) from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Wayne A. Shireman, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Vocal music was provided by Mrs. Noel Taylor, accompanied by Mrs. R. J. Nash at the organ.

Pallbearers were Gerald Phipps, Wylie Taylor, Max Allen, Paul Gearhart, Bill Peters and Ed Butcher. Interment was in Hazelwood cemetery.

The son of Ernest A. and Mary, Matilda Minks Roop, he was born June 16th, 1887, at Livonia, Mo. He attended the local schools there and on Oct. 6th, 1909, was united in marriage with Violet Wright at Lancaster, Mo.

To this union were born two daughters and one son, Mrs. Harold (Dessie) Ent of Rosemont, Minn., Mrs. George (Lucille) Renaud of Grinnell, and Thomas Roop, who died in infancy.

In addition to his daughters, Mr. Roop is survived by two grandsons and one granddaughter, James Ent of the U.S. Marines serving at Camp LeJeune, N.C., Mrs. Lyle (Catherine) Beck of Malcom, and Danny Renaud of Grinnell; and one great grandson, Brian Beck of Malcom.

Also surviving are one sister, Mrs. Maude Carter of Livonia, Mo.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Violet on Nov. 8th, 1954; his son, Thomas; one brother, Virgil Roop; and one grandson.

He and his wife first moved to a farm north of Grinnell 55 years ago. They moved to Grinnell when he was employed with the Grinnell Washing Machine Co., and later the Maytag Co., at Newton. Later he entered service with the City of Grinnell and spent over 25 years with the Police Department. He had served as night patrolman, desk sergeant and assistant police chief. In 1956, he retired from the police department when his health failed.

He was a member of the Baptist church and had been a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge and the Modern Woodmen.