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Monday, April 17, 1967

## Ralph Russell Dies Suddenly

Ralph S. Russell, 72, of 334 Broad St., died suddenly Sunday afternoon in his car four miles northeast of Grinnell. He had been fishing with his wife in a farm pond when he became ill.

Born July 27, 1894 at Bonaparte, Iowa to Kane and Jane Merrill Russell, Mr. Russell attended rural schools near his home.

On Feb. 22, 1918 he enlisted in the U. S. Army and served as a private first class with the casualty detachment in the 82nd Division.

Following his discharge, he worked as a hired man for several farmers near Grinnell for over 45 years. He made his home in Grinnell for 30 years.

On Oct. 15, 1943, Mr. Russell was united in marriage with Margorie Nichols in Des Moines. He was the father of six children — Howard Russell of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; Chester Russell of St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Bill (Helen) Ripley of Davenport; Ralph S. Russell, Jr. of Corpus Christi, Tex.; Mrs. George (Jean) Lebeda of Cedar Rapids; and Donald Russell of Cedar Rapids.

Survivors besides his wife and children are 9 step-children including Mrs. Lloyd (Marie) Winchell of Malcom; 19 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother - Glenn Russell of Kansas City, Mo.; and four sisters - Mrs. Sadie Peterson of Hiawatha, Iowa; Mrs. Earl (Lillie) Reddig of Richland, Ia.; Mrs. Frank (Marge) Muntz of Bonaparte, Iowa.

Mr. Russell was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and two sisters.

Funeral services for Ralph S. Russell will be held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Donald A. Rich, pastor of the First Assembly of God church, officiating. Organist will be Mrs. Willard Heffner.

Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery with American Legion graveside rites conducted by William K. Richardson, commander of the Ceremonial Unit; Jack Day, chaplain; and members of the Focht-Tennant Post 53 Ceremonial Unit.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home.