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Rites set for 1977

Mr. Rutledge

Loran W. Rutledge, 81, of 304 West St., Grinnell, died Saturday evening at Immanuel Hospital in Mankato, Minn., of an apparent stroke suffered a month earlier while visiting his daughter.

Funeral services for Mr. Rutledge will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Daniel Ogata, pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be at Westfield Cemetery.

Mr. Rutledge was a long-time blacksmith in the Grinnell area. His relatives were pioneer settlers in the Westfield area southwest of town.

The son of Charles W. and Mary E. Welch Rutledge, he was born May 23, 1896, at Maryville, Mo. He lived on farms in Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska and had farmed in Kossuth and Wright counties in Iowa. During World War I he served in the U.S. Army.

On March 14, 1920, he was married to Ervilla Viola Belcher at Maryville, Mo. The couple had six children. Mr. and Mrs. Rutledge had made their home in Grinnell, and he owned a blacksmith shop on south West St. for a number of years.

Survivors include his wife, Ervilla Viola; his children, Edward C. Rutledge of Newton, Mrs. Barbara J. Rudolph of Marshalltown, Mrs. Donald (Delores) Cox of Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Mary Rose Niederhauser of Waterville, Minn., and Mrs. Paul (Linda Lou) McNally of Iowa City; 17 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Annie Rochleau of Algona. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mrs. George (Charlene Anne) Beam on Oct. 14, 1977; five brothers, Elmer, Verne, Orlan, Charles and Kenneth Rutledge; and a sister, Mrs. Ethel Spurgeon.

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Loran Rutledge services held

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The Rev. Daniel Ogata, pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church, officiated. Organist was Kathleen Heffner. Pallbearers were Dennis Adams, Glen E. Beam, Don Cox, Dick Kamerman, Bob Sutherland and Craig Wildman.

Graveside rites were conducted by members of the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit, with Edwin M. Richardson, chaplain, and W.H. Noel, commander, officiating. Burial was at Westfield Cemetery southwest of Grinnell.