

H-R December 13, 1979  
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He is survived by his wife, Virgil.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with burial at Hazelwood Cemetery. Masonic rites will be con-

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Masonic Services were held at 7 p.m. Friday at the Smith Funeral Home, with Clark Watkins and members of Hermon Masonic Lodge officiating. Military rites were conducted by Edwin M. Richardson, chaplain, and Marion Gibson, commander of the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of Otto and Zadie Tinker Sanders, he was born Aug. 29, 1896, at Marietta near Marshalltown. His family later moved to Malcom, where he

graduated from Malcom High School in 1914.

He attended the former Grinnell Academy and taught in rural schools near Malcom until World War I when he served with the U.S. Army at Camp Jackson, S.C. Following his discharge he was named postmaster of Malcom, a position he held for eight years.

On June 9, 1934, he was married to Virgil Marie McCaw in Malcom. The couple moved to Grinnell and purchased the former Ferris Variety Store on Fourth Ave. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders owned the Sanders Variety and Gift Shop until 1969, when he retired.

He was a member of Foch Tennant Post No. 53, American Legion, and was active in Masonic affairs in the Grinnell area. He was a past master of Hermon Lodge No. 273, AF and AM, and was a member of Palestine Chapter No. 143, Royal Arch Masons. He was also a member of Beulah Chapter No. 47, Order of Eastern Star, and had served as patron of the chapter.

He is survived by his wife, Virgil. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Mrs. Evie Meldrem; and a brother Ben Sanders.