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## James Sarver, 68, Dies Suddenly At Home Saturday

James Garfield Sarver, 68, of 1212 Washington Ave., Grinnell, died suddenly early Saturday morning at his home. He had been in failing health since 1959.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Wayne Shireman, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating.

The son of George E. and Mary Jane Hurley Sarver, he was born near Oskaloosa on Nov. 18th, 1895. When he was a young man he worked for the Great Northern and Milwaukee railroads in Montana building new lines. He came to Grinnell in 1914 and helped in the building of both Grinnell hospitals, the Elks building, and both Grinnell banks.

On May 23rd, 1917, he enlisted in "Carney's Gang," a group of local men of Troop D of the 1st Iowa Cavalry. Later he was transferred to Co. E of the 109th Ammunition Train of the 34th Division and served with the A.E.F. in England and France. He was discharged at Camp Dodge on Jan. 18th, 1919.

Upon his return to Grinnell, he was employed as a baggage-man at the railroad agency for many years and also as a mechanic.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include his three children: Bill Sarver; S/Sgt. John Sarver of Fort Benning, Ga.; and Mrs. Charles (Ruth) White of Sioux City. Also surviving are five grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Floyd King of Carlisle.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, James Jr., and Robert; and two brothers and one sister.