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Father And Daughter, Raymond Schnell, Mrs. Ruth Gray Succumb Last Week

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Two members of a Grinnell area family succumbed only a little more than a day apart late last week.

Mrs. Frank E. (Ruth) Gray, 30, died Thursday evening at a local hospital following an illness of the past year.

Her father, Raymond E. Schnell, 57, died early Saturday morning, also at a local hospital. He had been ill for about four days.

Funeral services for the father and daughter were held this afternoon (Monday) from St. John's Lutheran church with the pastor, the Rev. Laverne Streich, officiating.

Interment was in Chester cemetery with James Schalinske cemetery with James-Schalinske Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Gray was the daughter of Raymond E. and Agnes Adams Schnell and was born Jan. 24, 1932, at Grinnell. She received her education in the rural schools in the Chester community and attended the Grinnell and Newburg high schools.

On April 18, 1953, she was united in marriage with Frank E. Gray at Lancaster, Mo. Following their marriage they made their home at Baxter, Iowa.

Four children were born to the union: Nancy Jeanne, Rodney Ray, Linda Kay and Jackie Edwin, who died in infancy.

In addition to her husband and children, she is survived by her mother, Mrs. Raymond Schnell of Grinnell; and three sisters, Mrs. Dean (Dorothy) Harlow of Mitchellville, Mrs. Charles (Helen) Routier of Roswell, N. M., and Joyce Schnell of Grinnell.

Mr. Schnell was born Oct. 31, 1904, at Kellogg. He was united in marriage with Agnes Adams on Feb. 22nd, 1930, at Killduff and after their marriage they moved to a farm in the Chester community where they had farmed for the past 32 years.

To this union four daughters were born: Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Harlow, Mrs. Routier, and Joyce Schnell.

Besides his wife and three daughters, Mr. Schnell is also survived by five grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Loren Elliott of Grinnell; three brothers, Wilbur of Grinnell, Clair of Lynnville, and Robert of Sully.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his daughter.

Mr. Schnell and Mrs. Gray were both members of St. John's Lutheran church.