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Former Resident Ray Russell Shope Dies In Arizona

Ray Russell Shope, 61, former Poweshiek county resident died June 22nd. at Florence, Ariz., while enroute to his home in Coolidge, Ariz., following a four-week vacation in Iowa.

The son of Jacob and Alma Shope, he was born in Poweshiek county on June 6th, 1900. He was married to Lovina Fogel in 1923 and farmed in Poweshiek and Tama counties for many years. Mr. Shope operated a store for six years but due to his health, sold it and moved to Arizona in August, 1952.

He and his wife operated a grocery store in Coolidge for three years and sold to his son, Russell. After a brief rest, he purchased another grocery store in Casa Grande, Ariz., and operated it for two years.

For four years prior to his death he had been unable to work.

Mr. Shope and his family had been vacationing in Iowa and were returning home when he was taken ill about 200 miles from Coolidge. He was hospitalized at Florence where he succumbed.

Funeral services were held June 24th at Coolidge with the Rev. Earl Ward officiating. Burial was in Valley Memorial Park at Coolidge.

Survivors include his wife, Lovina; one son, Russell of Coolidge; two daughters, Wilma Kinnamon of Los Angeles, Calif., and Kay Lynn Haugh of Coolidge; seven grandchildren; and one brother, Robert Shope of Gladbrook, Ia.