

George W. Simmons Funeral Services Held at Sheridan

H.R. 5-15-54

Funeral services for George W. Simmons, 47, were held Monday afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock at the Simmons residence and at 2 o'clock in the Sheridan Methodist church north of Grinnell.

Over 400 persons attended the church rites for the prominent young farmer who died last Friday in a Grinnell hospital after a lingering illness.

Officiating clergymen were the Rev. C. E. Kingsley, pastor of the First Baptist church, and the Rev. Chester L. Stiles, Sheridan minister. Vocal music was by Wilma Schmitz and Mrs. Wayne Dayton with Mrs. Verl Simmons as accompanist.

Donald Baustian, LaVern Lamb, Lester Plumb, Howard Sears, Allan Graff and Lawrence Lang were pallbearers. Floral attendants were Mrs. Henry Schmidt, Mrs. Wayne Reams, Mrs. Elmer Broders, Mrs. Omar Schmidt, Mrs. Wayne Reams, Mrs. Ben Baustian.

Burial was in Sheridan cemetery.

Obituary

George W. Simmons, son of George C. and Belle Simmons, was born in Shelby county, Mo., on Jan. 15, 1907. He grew to manhood in his native state, attended the public schools and college, and taught a short time.

In 1926 he came to Iowa and took employment on a farm, later going into partnership on a farm in the Sheridan neighborhood. He was married in Marshalltown August 13, 1927, to Esther Heishman, and to this union was born three children.

George Simmons united with the First Baptist church when a young man in Missouri, later transferred his membership to the First Baptist church, Grinnell, and remained a member there the rest of his life.

He was also a member of the Elks Lodge, a past member of the school board, was president of the Rural Fire truck association and active in the Grange.

He always took an active part in community life until three years ago when first signs of serious illness caused him to partially retire. He again entered the hospital 11 weeks ago, and passed away Friday April 9, 1954, at 47 years of age.

He is survived by his wife Esther, one daughter, Mrs. Keith (Wilma) Kline, Grinnell, and two sons, Claire and Ronald at home; one granddaughter, his father, George Simmons, Ender, Mo., a grandmother, Mrs. Mary Critchlow, Seymour, and three brothers, John in Kansas City, Mo., Norval of Malcom and Carl of Monroe City, Mo., several nieces and nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.