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Monday, July 13, 1970

## Ed Speth, 78, Rites Wednesday

Ed Speth, 78, of 1212 Third Ave., Grinnell, died Monday morning at Grinnell General Hospital. He had been in failing health the past two years.

The son of H. Joe and Lena Schneekloth Speth, he was born in Grinnell on Oct. 1, 1891. He attended the Grinnell schools and on June 14, 1916, married Viola Jantzen in Des Moines. The couple continued to make their home in Grinnell.

He was a 50-year member of the United Church of Christ-Congregational, and was also a 50-year member of the Knights of Pythias, the B.P.O. Elks Lodge and Focht-Tennant Post 53 of the American Legion. He was past commander of the Legion Post, and had also served as adjutant. He had been secretary of the Elks Lodge and had held all offices in the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Speth, long active in civic affairs, was a three-term member of the Grinnell City Council. He was past president of the Iowa Soldiers' Relief Commission and was active in veterans' affairs. He was also a member of the World War I Veterans' Hopeful Barracks 1368.

During World War I, Mr. Speth served in the Army at Camp Pike, Ark., as a supply sergeant. Following his discharge he served as a clerk in Preston's Clothing store for 15 years. He was also an accountant at Lannom Manufacturing and later at Ritter's Sports Shop and Ritter's Hardware. He also served on the Grinnell Police Department for three years.

He is survived by his wife Viola; one brother, Burt Speth; and one sister, Irma Speth, both of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his brother Carl in 1963 and his sister Luella in 1921.

Funeral services for Mr. Speth will be held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Newell E.

## Last Rites Said For Ed Speth

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Funeral services were held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, at the Smith Funeral Home for Ed Speth, 78, of 1212 Third Ave., who died Monday morning at Grinnell General Hospital following failing health the past two years.

The Rev. Newell E. Davis, minister of the United Church of Christ (Congregational), officiated at the services. Organist was Mrs. Ward Heffner.

Pallbearers were Harry Ritco, Michael Enich, Ray C. Myer, John H. Peters, Bill Ritter and Clayton Tiedemann. Honorary pallbearers were Lester Adkins, Mi Brooks, Basil J. Brush, Or Haag, John C. Ohland and Har Ritter.

Flower bearers were Mrs. No Mintle and Mrs. Mary Brock.

American Legion graveside rites were conducted by members of the Focht-Tennant Ceremonial Unit with Jack Day, chaplain, and W. K. Richardson, commander.

Survivors include his wife, Viola, and one brother and one sister—Burt Speth and Irma Speth, both of Grinnell.