

H-R May 27, 1982
Ralph Stanley dies at 88

Ralph Stanley, 88, a former resident of the Gilman, Grinnell and Lynnville areas, died Sunday afternoon, May 23, at the Story City Hospital.

Funeral services for Mr. Stanley were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, at the Smith Funeral Home with Chaplain Enoch R. Hall of Bethany Manor at Story City officiating. Organist was Mrs. Kathleen Heffner. Pallbearers were Stanley Ashby, Robert Burnham, Ross Ratcliff, Robert Stonewall, David Willetts and Michael Willetts. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of Luther and Esther Rayl Stanley, he was born on a farm in Sugar Creek Township, Jasper County, Aug. 7, 1893. He was educated at Black Oak School north of Lynnville. On Dec. 22, 1915, he married Florence Martindale in Grinnell and the couple farmed in the Sugar Creek neighborhood until 1953, when they moved to Gilman. After his wife Florence died on March 17, 1959, Mr. Stanley continued to live at the family home in Gilman, spending winters in Arkansas. In 1975, his health failed and he retired to Bethany Manor in Story City.

He is survived by his two children, Lamar Stanley of Kelley, and Miss Meroe Stanley of Ann Arbor, Mich.; two sisters, Velma Burnham and Dessell Stanley, both of Grinnell; three grandchildren;

and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Florence; three brothers, Mark, Orville and Merlyn Stanley; and a sister, Mrs. Lucille Ashby.