

Ira Strawser services held

H-R June 12, 1978

Ira C. Strawser, 88, of 922 Summer St., Grinnell, died Wednesday evening at the Knoxville Veterans Hospital. Funeral services for Mr. Strawser were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home's east side facility, with the Rev. Damon R. Reese, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Organist was Mrs. Julia Pearce, and vocalist was Craig Strawser. Pallbearers were Dennis Strawser, Ronald Strawser, Craig Strawser, Michael Strawser, Stephen Strawser, Mark Strawser, Scott Strawser, and Curtis Strawser. Graveside rites were conducted at Hazelwood Cemetery by members of the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit. The son of John A. and Mary Lynch Strawser, he was born Jan. 18, 1890, at Centerville. He attended rural schools near the family home and later served in the U.S. Army in France during World War I. Following his discharge from

the service, he was married to Mary Ellen Schafer on Nov. 9, 1921, at Grinnell. The couple had four sons and one daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Strawser lived on farms near Knoxville and Centerville. They had made their home in Grinnell for over 35 years.

Mr. Strawser was employed at the former Grinnell Shoe Factory and in recent years had been retired. He was a member of the Grinnell VFW. Survivors include his wife, Ellen; his children, George A. Strawser of Anoka, Minn., Cleo L. Strawser of Coon Rapids, Minn., Arthur E. Strawser of San Diego, Calif., Robert W. Strawser of Grinnell, and Mrs. Ruth DeViany of Des Moines; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, James, Robert and Roy Strawser; and two sisters, Clara Strawser and Grace Todd.