

Rites Held for

Mr. Thompson

5/2/74

Edward Thompson, 69, of Rte. 2, Grinnell, a lifelong resident of the Grinnell community, died Thursday, May 2, at Grinnell General Hospital, following an extended illness.

The son of John and Rachel Hall Thompson, he was born Aug. 13, 1904, in rural Grinnell. He received his education in the rural schools. He farmed until his retirement. Mr. Thompson was married to Alvira Weeks, who preceded him in death.

When his health failed, Mr. Thompson made his home in Newton with his daughter, Betty Townsend, for a short time.

Survivors include his four daughters, Betty of Newton, Marilyn Guyer of Omaha, Neb., Lela Bennett of Reasnor, and Grace Criswell of Montecello, Ky.; 19 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a brother, John Thompson of Grinnell; and a sister, Mary Brown of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, a great-grandchild, and an infant brother, Alexander.

Funeral services for Mr. Thompson were held this afternoon (Monday) at the James-Schalinske Funeral Home, with the Rev. John McCallum, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Organist was Julia Pearce, and pallbearers were his older grandsons, Kenneth Bennett, Orrin Bennett, John Bennett, Rodney Criswell, James Criswell and Steven Criswell.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.