

John Thompson Dies In California

April 17, 1967
John H. Thompson, 71, of Van Nuys, Calif., passed away Friday evening, April 14, at San Fernando Veteran's Hospital.

He had been hospitalized for one year and had been in failing health the last six years.

He was the son of Albert and Anna Painter Thompson and was born in Centerville, Iowa, on July 8, 1895. He attended the Centerville schools and later served in the Armed Forces during World War I.

He was married to Elsie Nicodemus on March 22, 1919, at Grace Methodist church in Des Moines. To this union were born three children.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson came to Grinnell in 1922, and Mr. Thompson was employed as a baker at Grinnell College for 20 years. In 1922 the Thompsons moved to Detroit, Mich., but returned to Grinnell in 1947. He then owned and operated the Thompson Bakery on Broad Street until retiring and moving to California in 1960.

He was a member of the Methodist church, a past Master of Hermon Lodge No. 273 AF and AM, and a past Commander of Focht-Tennant Post No. 53 of the Grinnell American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie; a son, Arthur Thompson, of Woodland Hills, Calif.; and a daughter, Mrs. Stanley (Mildred) Barnum, of Mountain View, Mo.

Mr. Thompson was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and a son, James, who died in infancy.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the Smith Funeral Home. The Rev. Chester E. Custer will officiate. Organist will be Mrs. Willard Heffner. Honorary pallbearers will be Ellis Brown, E. W. Crossett, C. H. Dinit, William Kaloupek, O. Dale Smith and F. W. Tomasek. Pallbearers will be I. K. Brown, O. F. Haag, W. B. Hoyt, Eldon Olds, Edward Speth and Howard Tinnes.

Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery with F. W. Tomasek and members of Herman Lodge No. 273 AF and AM conducting Masonic graveside rites.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home.