

Military Services For Sam Tucker

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Former High School Football Star
And World War Veteran Is
Buried Here Friday.

Military rites were performed here Friday afternoon at the Methodist church for Samuel Sherman Tucker, 36, well-known Grinnellian and world war veteran, who died Tuesday morning at the Hines Veterans' hospital in Chicago following a long illness.

Following services at the church which were attended by a great number of old friends and which were conducted by the Rev. Charles R. Rowe, services at the grave were in charge of the Focht-Tennant Legion post. A firing squad fired the last salute at the grave and "taps", the soldiers' lullaby were sounded by Russell George with the echo by Floyd Pugh. Members of the firing squad were Homer Lowrey, Ralph Longley, Herbert Decatur, C. P. Neister, Ed Speth, Homer Talbert, Raymond See, John Reed, and John Thompson. Color bearers were F. E. Knox and John Carter.

The pall-bearers were Harold Harris of Cedar Rapids; Clifford Streck, George Streck, Gabe Wells, Hon. W. J. Nelson, and Harlan Inman, while honorary pall-bearers, who were members of his high school football team were Joe Schwab, Clayton Phelps, Paul Fraser, George Mooers, Howard Dimit and Eldon Olds.

He is survived by his wife and daughter, Barbara Jean, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ent of Grinnell, and one sister, Helen Ent.

Friends, fellow service men, and mail workers with whom he had come in contact throughout central Iowa came to Grinnell for the last services of this former Grinnellian. Born and raised here, he was an outstanding football player for Grinnell high school, and has served for many years as a mail clerk in Chicago.

He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Barbara Jean, who make their home in Oak Park.

Samuel Sherman Tucker was born June 13, 1898, at Grinnell, Iowa, and passed away at the Edward Hines Veterans' Hospital in Chicago, Illinois, on Tuesday morning, November 26th.

He attended high school in Grinnell, where he played football four years, being captain of the team his senior year. After his graduation from high school in 1916 he attended Colorado U. for a year, leaving there to enlist in the army for service in the World War and was stationed for thirteen months at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in the aviation corps.

After his return from the army he was employed by H. L. Triplett in his planing mill and also at the C. C. Phelps restaurant. Since 1922 he has been employed by the Government and for the past nine and a half years has been working at the Post Office Terminal in Chicago as a Railway Mail Clerk. He resigned this position October 13th of this year due to his ill health.

Mr. Tucker was a member of the American Legion of Grinnell, and also belonged to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity of Boulder, Colorado.