

# J. VonDraska

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Funeral Services Are Held Thursday Afternoon For Veteran M. & St. L. Conductor

DIED SUDDENLY WHILE VISITING HIS DAUGHTER

Mr. Von Draska Was Second Oldest M. & St. L. Conductor— In Service 44 Years

General regret has been caused here by the announcement of the death of Joe Von Draska, well known M. & St. L. conductor and a brother of Charles and Zeke Von Draska of this city. Mr. Von Draska passed away on the evening of July 4, at the home of his daughter, Miss Sibyl Von Draska in Chicago.

The body was brought to Grinnell and funeral services were held from the Snyder Brothers Chapel Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Robert Inglis. Services at the grave in Hazelwood were in charge of the Masons.

Mr. Von Draska's death was sudden. He and Mrs. Von Draska were in Chicago visiting their daughter and were returning from a pleasant outing at one of the Chicago country clubs when Mr. Von Draska collapsed in the back seat of the automobile and was dead before they could reach a hospital only two blocks away.

Mr. Von Draska was the second oldest conductor in the M. & St. L. service having been with the road for forty-four years. He was born in Grinnell Dec. 26, 1869, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Von Draska, and is survived by his wife, one daughter, Sibyl of Chicago and one son, Lynn, of Rockford, Ill. One son, Harry, preceded him in death.

He also leaves five brothers and four sisters, Zeke and Charlie Von Draska of Grinnell, Tom, Fred and William Von Draska of Oskaloosa, Mrs. Mary Wessel, Mrs. H. C. Bruggen, Mrs. Jesse J. Ellsworth, all of Oskaloosa, and Mrs. J. M. McClintock of Monmouth, Ill.

Since leaving Grinnell Mr. and Mrs. Von Draska have resided at Albert Lea and Peoria, Peoria being the family home at this time. The daughter Sybil recently returned from a five months trip to Europe.