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Frank Bartling Dies Here On Saturday

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Retired Jeweler Was
Prominent Businessman
For Nearly 50 Years

Frank M. Bartling, 77, a prominent Grinnell businessman for nearly a half century, died Saturday night at a local hospital where he had been confined for about a week.

Bartling owned and operated Bartling's Jewelry Store on Fourth Avenue, at the site now occupied by Joseph's Jewelry, for some 48 years before his retirement in 1953.

Funeral Services Today

Funeral services were held at 4 p.m. today (Monday) at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. L. V. Kuebrich of St. Mary's church officiating. Burial was in Calvary cemetery.

Pallbearers were: L. W. Brock, Carl Child, Don Cunningham, L. V. Phelps, Howard Tinnes and John Truesdale. Music was by John Penne.

Survivors include his wife and two brothers, Walter and George

Born In Nebraska

Born in Grand Island, Nebraska on December 12, 1880, he was the son of Herman and Laura Bacon Bartling. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Held on January 4, 1905, at Grand Island and is survived by his wife and companion of 53 years.

A graduate of Bradley University at Peoria and the Northern Illinois College of Optometry, Bartling came to Grinnell in the early 1900's.

Buys Jewelry Store

In 1905, with Dick Nuckolls, he purchased a jewelry store from H. P. Proctor. When his partner died in 1943, Bartling became the sole owner of the store.

Bartling operated the store until April, 1953, when he sold to George D. Malcom of Moline, and retired.

Active In Community

Active in civic and community affairs, Bartling served as president of the Chamber of Commerce, then known as the Commercial Club. He also served as president of the Grinnell County Club.

A lover of music, he played first violin in the Grinnell College orchestra for many years.

Bartling was also a longtime member of the Iowa State Association of Optometrists.

Mrs. E. A. Bartling Dies Tuesday At Council Bluffs 1-30-64

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Bartling, 79, widow of Frank M. Bartling, former owner of Bartling Jewelry Store in Grinnell, died Tuesday morning at Council Bluffs.

She had made her home at Council Bluffs since the death of her husband in 1958.

Requiem low mass was held this morning (Thursday) from St. Mary's Catholic church, with the pastor, the Rev. L. V. Kuebrich, officiating. Rosary was recited Wednesday night at Smith Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Don Cunningham, Joe Danforth, Leo Flanagan, Michael Hotchkin, Fred W. Johnson, and Charles Vogel. Interment was in the Calvary section of Hazelwood cemetery.

Mrs. Bartling was the daughter of Herman and Wilhelmina Weise Held and was born in Grand Island, Neb., on April 23, 1884. She was united in marriage with Frank M. Bartling on Jan. 4, 1905, and they moved to Grinnell that year to make their home.

Her husband was a partner with the late Dick Nuckolls in the Bartling and Nuckolls Jewelry Store here until Nuckolls' death in 1943. He continued to operate the store until his retirement in 1953 and had operated the store in the same location for 48 years.

Soon after her husband's death in August of 1958, Mrs. Bartling moved to Council Bluffs to be near her sister. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church of Grinnell and the Altar and Rosary Society.

She is survived by her sister, Mrs. James Keliher of Council Bluffs; and three nieces, Miss Betty Costello of Council Bluffs, Mrs. John Sinnott of Des Moines, and Mrs. Al Siemssen of Omaha, Neb.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents.