

Thursday, June 18, 1964

Rev. David Beggs Dies Suddenly While in Colorado

Friends of the Rev. David M. Beggs of Grinnell received news that he had been hospitalized Saturday in Greeley, Colo., where he had been visiting in the home of his son, and that he had died at 1:15 p.m. Monday.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Congregational church in Hampton at 2 p.m. Friday and there will be a memorial service Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Mayflower Home here to which the public is invited.

Born in Ballyclare, Ireland, on Mar. 6th, 1881, he served in the British Army in India and then came to America early in this century. He worked as a carpenter in New York City for a few years.

In 1915, he married Doris B. Brown, a Salvation Army officer, and under the influence of his personal religious experience and her persuasion he studied for the ministry at the Chicago Theological Seminary.

He was ordained as a Congregational minister in 1916 and served a church in Nebraska. Then he came to Iowa and was pastor of the Anamosa Congregational church for 13 years and of the Hampton Congregational church for 20 years. In 1958, he and Mrs. Beggs went to Hawaii where he was interim pastor in a Japanese church for a year.

In 1959, they came to Mayflower Home in Grinnell and he did pastoral work for churches in this vicinity, served as chaplain for the Home, and was one of the interim ministers of First Congregational church here before the coming of the Rev. Robert Dewey.

Holding Senior Active classification in Rotary International, he affiliated with the Grinnell Rotary Club. He was also a Mason with standing in the York rite bodies.

Mrs. Beggs preceded him in death in February of 1961.

He is survived by his son and daughter, Donald Beggs of Greeley, Colo., and Mrs. Ray S. Carlson of Tuscola, Ill., and their families.