

Ervin Bortel, Resident Here 84 Years Dies

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Ervin William Bortell, longtime Grinnell resident, died Wednesday at Lone Elm rest home in Grinnell following a long illness. He was 87 years old.

Funeral services will be held at Smith Funeral Home on Saturday at 2 p.m. with Rev. C. E. Kingsley, pastor of the First Baptist church officiating. Burial will be at Lower Blue Point cemetery.

Native of Juniata county, Pa., where he was born October 16, 1867, Mr. Bortell was the son of William and Susan Noon Bortell. He came to Grinnell with his parents when he was three years old, and resided here 84 years.

He was married to Della Gorsuch when a young man. She died in 1927.

Mr. Bortell farmed around Grinnell throughout his active life. He had resided at the rest home in recent years.

Surviving are two sons, Clyde L. Bortell of Grinnell and Donald C. Bortell of Riverside, Calif.; two grandchildren, Keith and Dick Bortell of Grinnell; and two sisters, Mrs. Maude Davis of Grinnell and Mrs. Hattie Bump of Clear Lake.

Two sisters, Mrs. Lauva Hayes and Mrs. Kate Neely preceded him in death.

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E. W. BORTELL

E. W. Bortell, son of William and Susan Noon Bortell, was born on a farm in Juniata County, Pennsylvania, October 16, 1867, and passed away following a long illness in Grinnell, Iowa October 13, 1954, just three days before being 87 years of age.

In 1871, at four year of age, he came with his parents to the vicinity of Grinnell where he spent the rest of his life. He farmed for many years and was employed for some time in the construction of bridges in Poweshiek County.

In 1895 he was married to Della Gorsuch, and to this union two sons were born. Mrs. Bortell passed away in 1927. Two sisters, Laura Hayes and Kate Neely preceded him in death.

He leaves to mourn his passing, the two sons, Clyde L. Bortell of the home here in Grinnell, Donald C. Bortell of Riverside, California; two grandsons, Keith and Richard, and two sisters, Mrs. Hattie Bump of Clear Lake and Mrs. Maude Davis of Grinnell.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon October 16, 2 p. m. in the Smith Funeral Home with Rev. C. E. Kingsley, officiating. Burial was in Blue Point cemetery.

At the final rites, organ selections were played by Mrs. Rhee Auman. Pallbearers were Eldon Dexter, Glen Dexter, John Jackson, Dess Martin, Harold Schooley and Howard Hyde.