

Funeral Services For Dr. Burkhardt Sunday



Funeral services for a much respected Montezuma dentist were held Sunday afternoon. The services were for Dr. Clay Burkhardt, who died in a Grinnell hospital Friday morning, Jan. 16.

Dr. Burkhardt had suffered a heart attack on Oct. 12 in Waverly while visiting there. He was home and apparently on the road to recovery when he again suffered an attack about three weeks ago. He was then taken to the St. Francis Hospital in Grinnell.

Dr. Burkhardt was a prominent Mason. For years he has been a district lecturer. He conducted his work with perfection and was always mentioned as one of the best. He devoted a great deal of time to this work. He attended Grand Lodge regularly and was known over the state for his ritualistic perfection. In 1952-53 he was Junior Grand Deacon. At the time of his death he was a member of the Board of State Hospitals for the Grand Lodge.

In 1952 the local lodge honored Dr. Burkhardt at a special banquet held at the high school for his Masonic work and the Grand Lodge office he held at the time. Present were many prominent Masons from over the state. The local lodge presented him a watch that evening.

Services were conducted at the Methodist church by Rev. George Snyder. Glen Foster, Past Grand Master, was in charge of Masonic services. Present and Past Grand Officers of Iowa occupied the stations for the Masonic graveside services. A large number of prominent Masons attended the services, including the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, many of the other officers, both present and past, and Lafayette Lodge members from Montezuma.

Interment was in the Montezuma Masonic I.O.O.F. Cemetery. A. G. Fett presented the flag, which was draped on the casket, to Mrs. Burkhardt in recognition of the doctor's military service. Casket bearers were Dr. E. F. Skare, C. E. Kercheval, Al Hueschen, Vincent Johnson, Melvin Elliott, and W. H. Bonham. Organist for the services was Alice Underwood.

Out-of-town folks attending included Rev. and Mrs. A.C. Preston of Evanston, Ill., Mrs. David Preston of Seymour, Mo., Mrs. Ralph Niebel of Winton, Calif., and the

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