

H.R. April 12, 1982

Former Mayor Clifton dies

George R. Clifton, 92, of 1407 Sixth Ave. died Friday afternoon at his home.

There will be no funeral service. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to Grinnell Hospice and mailed to the Smith Funeral Home, where friends may call for additional information.

The son of George Richard and Jennie Humphrey Clifton, he was born June 25, 1889, at Emmetsburg. He and his family came to Grinnell when he was four years of age. He attended the Grinnell schools, graduating from Grinnell High School in 1909.

He was married to Minnie E. Lowrey on June 15, 1915, in Grinnell, and the couple continued to live in Grinnell.

Mr. Clifton was associated with the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad in Grinnell as cashier in the freight office from 1912 until his retirement in 1955. He was a member of the United Church of Christ — Congregational and several Masonic organizations, including Hermon Masonic Lodge No. 273 of Grinnell, the Scottish Rite Consistory at Davenport, the Kaaba Shrine at Davenport and the Poweshiek County Shrine organization. He was also active in civic affairs, having been a member of the Grinnell City Council, representing the First Ward for a number of years. He also served as mayor of Grinnell for several terms. Mr. Clifton was a member of

the Grinnell Volunteer Fire Department from 1910 until 1955.

Survivors include his daughters, Betty J. Wood and Lois C. Meacham, both of Grinnell, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Min, on Aug. 24, 1975; his parents; and two brothers, Arthur and Earl Clifton.

Body to Iowa Univ.