

OBITUARY

EDWARD COMERFORD

Funeral services for Edward Comerford were held at St. Mary's church at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. Officiating at the Solemn Requiem High Mass were: Celebrant, Rev. V. A. Walsh, pastor of Grinnell; deacon, Rev. L. D. Soens of Victor; sub deacon, Rev. John Schmitz of Welton. The sermon was given by Msgr. P. D. Moore, former pastor of Grinnell, now pastor at St. Anthony's in Davenport. Also present was Rev. Martin Manning of St. Mathias of Muscatine. Assisting these priests were acolytes, William Comerford and Robert Higdon. The Mass was sung by Charlene Vogel, Karen Higdon, Nancy Kay Gove, Pat Flanagan, Wilma Schmit, and Mrs. Wayne Dayton and accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Lyle Campbell.

Edward Comerford, son of Pierce and Mary Comerford, was born in Oskaloosa, Iowa, on October 31, 1869.

At the age of three weeks the family moved to New Sharon where he grew to manhood.

On September 13, 1897 he was united in marriage to Margaret Devereux and made the family home at New Sharon where all the children were born. In 1911 the family moved to Stuart for three years before coming to Grinnell and to the farm home south of town where he lived until after the death of his wife, October 25, 1940. Since then he had continued to make his home with his two sons, Alex and Francis Comerford, at 1422 Elm St. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church and the Holy Name Society. He was widely known as a kind friend and helpful neighbor.

Attending the funeral from a distance were relatives and friends from Adair, Des Moines, Rockford, Rockwell, Dougherty, Clinton, Fonda, Marshalltown, Belle Plaine, Burlington, Victor, Brooklyn, Chelsea, Welton, Davenport, Muscatine, Holbrook, Parnell, Searsboro, Ottumwa, Hutchinson, Kan., and Corpus

Christi, Texas.

The members of his family, besides his parents, who preceded him in death, are two brothers, John and Will, and two sisters, Katie Comerford and Alice Devereux.

The body was laid to rest at the side of his wife in Calvary cemetery. Prayers at the grave were offered by Rev. Martin Manning of Muscatine. The pallbearers, all grandsons of the deceased, were Lyle Campbell, Clair Comerford, Thomas Comerford, Raymond Foley, Cyril Gallagher, and James McGrory.

Children left to mourn the loss of their father are Mrs. William (Mary) McGrory of Victor, Mrs. Leo (Blanche) Flanagan of Grinnell, Sister Mary Maurita of Burlington, William of Marshalltown, Pierce, Alex, and Francis of Grinnell.