

Monday, November 29, 1965

## Col. I. R. Crawford Succumbs; Rites Held On Saturday

Lt. Col. I. R. Crawford, 73, of 1312 Broad Street, died at Veterans hospital, Iowa City, Wednesday noon, Nov. 24th, following a brief illness.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Newell E. Davis, pastor of the First Congregational church, officiating. Organist was Norman Goodbrod.

Pallbearers were Jim Bruce, Karl Lindenmayer, Edd Phillips, John DeMeulenaere, Frank Molsberry and Charles Vogel. Interment was in Hazelwood cemetery.

He was the son of Coe and May Robinson Crawford and was born May 7th, 1892, at Pierre, S.D. He received his education in the public schools at Huron, S.D., and attended the University of Iowa, Georgetown University, and the University of South Dakota where he received his bachelor's degree in law in 1917.

On July 7th, 1917, at Vermillion, S.D., he was united in marriage with Pauline Sheppard. To this union three children were born: Coe I. Crawford of Buffalo, N.Y.; James K. Crawford of Grinnell; and Mrs. Al (Mary Cathryn) Eisenman of Grinnell.

During World War I he served as a captain in the 34th Division in France. Following the Armistice, he returned to Huron, S.D., to practice law for 20 years. During that time he served one term as a state senator in the South Dakota legislature, and two terms as municipal judge of Huron.

In 1942, he was recommissioned as an officer in the Army and served in several capacities on the West Coast. In 1947, he was assigned to the War Crimes Commission in Dachau, Germany, where he spent three years.

He returned to Huron in 1950 to his law practice and then moved to Grinnell in 1955 to be near his children.

Mr. Crawford was a member of the Huron Masonic Lodge and was a Past Master of the lodge, member of the B.P.O. Elks of Huron and a Past Exalted Ruler, and in Grinnell was a member of Focht-Tennant American Legion Post No. 53.

Surviving are his wife, Pauline; two sons and one daughter; seven grandchildren; two brothers, Robert D. Crawford of Vermillion, S.D., and O. C. Crawford of Carpinteria, Calif.; and two sisters, Mrs. Miriam Speirs of Huron, S.D., and Mrs. Jeannette Lusk of Huron, S.D.