

Oscar Davis Dies Tuesday

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Funeral Services for Grinnell Man
Held at Methodist Church
Today

Oscar B. Davis, 1119 Summer street, passed away Tuesday evening at the Community hospital in Grinnell, after an illness covering several months.

Mr. Davis was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson S. Davis, and was born at East Enosburg Falls, Vt., Nov. 23, 1874.

He spent his boyhood in Vermont. When he was eleven his parents moved to Clinton, Mass., where Oscar lived until he was eighteen. He took up the time lock business and traveled in the New England states for many years as a time lock expert.

Mr. Davis loved life on the sea, and entered the navy, holding the rank of ensign. He came west in November, 1917, to visit his brother, and located in Independence, Iowa. Later he enlisted under the United States shipping board and was sent to the Pacific coast. Later he was sent to Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, on a United States freighter, "Bancroft." He was in Honolulu when the armistice was signed.

Mr. Davis returned to Iowa and was united in marriage to Miss Ruth O. Miller of Independence, Nov. 20, 1919. One daughter, Eleanor, came to bless this home. They moved to Grinnell in 1925 where they have since resided.

Mr. Davis was a splendid Christian man. He was deeply devoted to his church and his home. So long as it was at all possible for him to attend religious services, he was there. He will be missed greatly. He loved R. G. Coutts' Sunday school class and as secretary of the class was always present to add his bit to the discussion.

He was very worshipful in his nature, and loved prayer, Bible study and Christian work. He attended Moody Institute for awhile, thinking he might devote his entire time to evangelistic work. Sometimes his ideas did not coincide with the other members of the class, but he was firm in his convictions. Volumes could be written about his deep reverence for God and the church.

Mr. Davis was also a member of the Masonic lodge in Grinnell. It was his desire that the lodge should

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have charge of the burial. He selected his own pallbearers, who would carry his body to its final resting place. They were R. G. Coutts, Norman Pilgrim, George Murray, D. M. Sylvester, Walter Neely and G. O. Watland.

He is survived by his wife and little daughter who is nine years old. He also leaves two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Carrie E. Kilburn, Swanton, Vt.; Mrs. S. J. Bigham, Lawrence, Mass.; Edwin Davis of Stanley, Ia., and Arthur of Hazelton, Ia., and many other relatives in the east and nieces and nephews near Independence.

Funeral services were held this morning at 10:30 in the Methodist church of which he was a member. Dr. W. J. Fowler officiated, assisted by Rev. Mr. Zimmerman. Burial services will be at Independence