

C. H. Dimit Rites Today

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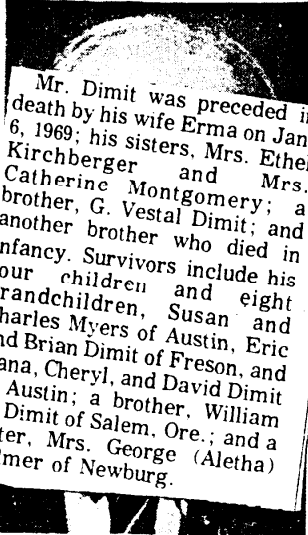
Charles Howard (Spike) Dimit, 77, of 1202 Elm St., died early Tuesday, Dec. 4, at St. Francis Manor. Death was attributed to cancer, and he had been a patient at St. Francis the past three months.

The son of William C. and Christina C. Brown Dimit, he was born March 20, 1896, in Chester Township. He was graduated from Grinnell High School and attended Grinnell College. He was a veteran of World War I.

On May 30, 1924, he was married to Erma Goodrich of Albia. The couple had four children: Charles Howard Dimit Jr. of San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. William J. (Donna) Myers of Austin, Minn.; Dennis D. Dimit of Fresno, Calif.; and Gerald G. Dimit, also of Austin.

In earlier years, Mr. Dimit was associated with Manatt and Dimit Clothing Store on Fourth Ave. Later he operated a Skelly station. In 1937, he was associated with the former Grinnell Provision Co., which owned the Central and North meat markets. He retired from the grocery business in 1958 and for a time was affiliated with the Grinnell Mutual Insurance Company and worked sales at the Grinnell Livestock Exchange.

Mr. Dimit was active in Masonic work, having been the immediate past treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Iowa and past senior grand deacon of the Grand Lodge. He was a member of Hermon Masonic Lodge No. 273 of Grinnell and past master of the lodge. He was also a member of Palestine Chapter No. 143 of the Royal Arch Masons, Oriental Commandery No. 20 of Newton, King Solomon Council No. 20 of Royal and Select Masters of Iowa at Marshalltown, and the Za-Ga-Zig Shrine in Des Moines. He served as a Masonic instructor of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, as well as district lecturer for the Grand Lodge. He was also a member of Grinnell Elks Lodge No. 1266 and was past exalted ruler of the lodge. Mr. Dimit was a 50-year member of Focht-Tennant Post No. 53, American Legion.



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Funeral services for Mr. Dimit were held at 1:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at the First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Hugh A. Shiveley, pastor of the church, officiating. Organist was Mrs. Willard Heffner. Pallbearers were Lyman G. Case, Tom Eggelstone, Glen Harris, Donald Phillips, David Ross, and Hoyt Woody. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Masonic graveside rites were conducted by Grand Lodge officers of Masons in Iowa. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society in care of Mrs. Wayne Reams or the Grand Lodge of Masons in Iowa Educational Fund. Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home for additional information.

Hermon Lodge To Honor Dimit



12/3/73 Charles H. Dimit

Hermon Lodge No. 273, A.F. & A.M., will hold a reception honoring Charles H. (Spike) Dimit Sr. as Grand Treasurer of Masons in Iowa on Saturday evening, April 28.

Mr. Dimit is a well known and lifetime resident of Grinnell.

He attended the Grinnell public schools and two years at Grinnell College. After serving in World War I he entered the clothing business. From 1930 until 1937 he was employed by a major oil company and from 1937 until 1956 he was in the grocery business. After a short retirement he is now employed as shipping clerk for the Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company. He has also been an active member of the American Legion and Elks lodge of Grinnell. He served a number of years on the Grinnell School Board and is a member of the Methodist church.

Family

Mr. Dimit has three sons—Charles Dimit, Jr., Dennis and Gerald, a daughter Donna Myers and eight grandchildren.

Spike has had a long and useful membership in Masonic organizations since he was initiated Sept. 29, 1943. He is a past master of Hermon Lodge, and also belongs to Palestine Chapter No. 143, R.H.M.; King Solomon Council No. 2, R. & S.M.; and Oriental Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar.

In 1957-64 Mr. Dimit served as Senior Grand Deacon and was elected Grand Treasurer, culminating a term of three years on the Grand Lodge finance committee.

Hermon Lodge will open at 5 p.m. for reception of Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, Charles C. Howard, and other present and past Grand Lodge officers. A dinner will be served at 6:30 for members and their wives, which will be followed by a program honoring Mr. Dimit April 28.