

Monday, July 18, 1966

William Flaherty Funeral Services Conducted Today

William P. Flaherty, 76, of 1512 Fourth Avenue, died Saturday morning at a Grinnell hospital following an illness of several months.

Funeral services were held this afternoon (Monday) from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Ernest J. Starr of the Mayflower Home officiating. Organ music was provided by Mrs. Willard Heffner.

Pallbearers were Wesley Ahrens, Mervin Morgan, Douglas A. Barnes, James L. George, Walter Tharp and William Bitcon. Burial was in the Masonic-IOOF cemetery at Montezuma with graveside services conducted by Jack Day and members of Focht-Tennant Post No. 53 of the Grinnell American Legion ceremonial unit.

He was the son of Patrick and Anna Ward Flaherty and was born Oct. 5, 1889, on a farm in Champaign County, Ill. He was educated in the rural schools near his home. During World War I he left the family farm and enlisted in the Army, serving as a Private First Class in a machine gun company with the 35th Infantry.

On Jan. 1, 1923, he was married to Vesta Craven Taylor at Sioux City where they made their home for a few years. Later they farmed near New Sharon for seven years. He was a salesman for the Iowa Blind Commission for 37 years, retiring in 1963.

Mr. Flaherty was a member of the Grinnell Methodist church and the American Legion. He served as Post Commander of the Paul Coffin Post of the American Legion at New Sharon in 1925. He was a member of Hopeful Barracks of World War I Veterans, and the ceremonial unit of Focht-Tennant Post No. 53 of Grinnell.

Surviving are his widow Vesta; one sister, Mrs. Agnes Grampre of San Bernardino, Calif.; a half-sister, Mrs. Kathleen Loyd of San Leandro, Calif.; a half-brother, Alvin Flaherty of Mankato, Minn.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

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Mr. Flaherty is survived by his wife, Vesta; one sister, Mrs. Agnes Grampre of San Bernardino, Calif.; and a half-sister and a half-brother, Mrs. Kathleen Loyd of San Leandro, Calif. and Alvin Flaherty of Mankato, Minn., and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.