

## J.E. Foster Rites Held Wednesday In Grinnell

Funeral services for J. E. (Gene) Foster, of Grinnell, were held Wednesday afternoon at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. The Rev. Chester Custer, pastor of the Grinnell Methodist Church, officiated.

Mrs. Mac Molison was vocalist at the services accompanied by Mrs. Willard Heffner, organist.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Mr. Foster, 85, of 1126 Elm Street, Grinnell, died suddenly Sunday evening, May 7, at his home.

He was the son of Thomas Foster and Barbara Ann Matthews Foster and was the last survivor of a family of 11 children. He was born near Davenport in Scott County, Iowa, on April 27, 1882. When he was four years old his family moved to a farm north of Grinnell in Chester Township. He attended the rural schools near his home and Grinnell High School. Later he attended Still College of Osteopathy in Des Moines.

He was married to Grace Lillian Tice at her home in Chester Township on Feb. 8, 1905. To this union were born eight children of whom five survive: Merle Eugene Foster of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs.

Melvin (Lauramay) Miller of Montezuma; Thomas Foster of West Brooklyn, Ill.; Arthur Lloyd Foster of Rockford, Ill.; and Carrol Clyde Foster of Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster farmed in Chester and Sugar Creek townships in Poweshiek County for a number of years until moving to West Brooklyn, Ill., to farm. In 1945 they returned to Grinnell to make their home and Mr. Foster built fence until his retirement.

He was a member of the Grinnell Methodist church and the Methodist Men's Club.

He is survived by his wife; his five children; 20 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sons, William Keith Foster, Francis Lyle Foster and Max Tice Foster; one grandchild, four brothers and six sisters.

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Funeral services for Gene Foster will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Chester Custer, pastor of the Grinnell Methodist church, officiating. Organist will be Mrs. Willard Heffner and vocalist will be Mrs. Mac Molison. Burial will be made in Hazelwood Cemetery. Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home.