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Ernest Jantzen dies in Illinois

Ernest F. Jantzen, 80, of the Good Samaritan Home in Quincy, Ill., and formerly of Grinnell, died Wednesday, May 11, after an extended illness.

Mr. Jantzen was born Sept. 21, 1896, on a farm north of Malcom, and moved to Grinnell with his parents when ten years old. He was the son of Herman A. and Myrtle D. Lamb Jantzen. He married Elsie Niecamp of Quincy Oct. 4, 1928, in Pittsfield, Ill., and they had one daughter, Kathryn Jantzen Wood.

He was a member of the Vermont Street United Methodist church, where he had served on the church board and as treasurer and head usher. He was a World War I veteran, serving in the tank corps, and was a member of American Legion Post 37.

Mr. Jantzen was active in Masonic work and was nominated for the 33rd degree in 1960, receiving it in October of 1961. He was a member and past master of Lambert Lodge 659, AF & AM, and an honorary member of Hermon Lodge 39 and Bodley Lodge 1, AF & AM. He was past president of the Masonic Temple board and an officer of the Lodge of Perfection and Chapter of Rose Croix, a member of Quincy Consistory, serving as commander-in-chief in 1969-71. He was also a member of Quincy High Twelve Club.

Mr. Jantzen attended Grinnell schools, graduating with the class of 1916, and attended Grinnell College for one year. Later he attended Gem City Business College at Quincy, and after completing the course, he taught bookkeeping in the college until he retired a few years ago.

Surviving are his widow Elsie; his daughter, Mrs. G. Theodore (Kathryn) Wood of Shaker Heights, Ohio; two grandsons, Stephen and Kenneth Wood; one granddaughter, Janet Wood; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Sanger and Hattie Pedersen of Grinnell; and one brother Paul K. Jantzen, of Fort Worth, Tex. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services were held Saturday May 14, at 2 p.m. in Zehender Robinson Stormer Funeral Home, with Rev. John Keller conducting the services. Burial was in Quincy Memorial Park.