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Mr. Johnson rites today

Virgil W. Johnson, 64, of 1816 Ninth Ave., Grinnell, died suddenly Friday morning of an apparent heart attack in Groton, S.D. 3-18-77

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. today at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Daniel Ogata, pastor of the Grinnell First United Presbyterian Church, officiating. Organist was Mrs. Alice Demant and vocalist Mrs. Lois Jakobsen. Pallbearers were Homer Benson, Wayne Johnson, Ray Frasier, Lloyd Seck, Don Spriggs, and Dave Skatford. Honorary pallbearers were Ray Clever, Virgil Doud, Warren Clever, Dennis Hansenburg, Carl Koeney, Robert Mieroff, Vern Scoone, and Carl Thompson.

Burial will be at Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the First United Presbyterian Church building fund.

The son of William and Grace Davis Johnson, he was born June 18, 1912, near Malcom. He attended school in Grinnell and was graduated from high school in 1930.

On Aug. 24, 1934, Mr. Johnson was married to Rebina Peak at Gilman. The couple had one son, Richard. Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson lived in Tipton for a short time before returning to Grinnell in 1935.

Mr. Johnson was associated with Continental Oil Co. as an independent jobber for 40 years in the Grinnell area. He retired in 1975 and later worked part time for Miracle Recreation Equipment Co. He was an active member of the Grinnell Saddle Club since its formation.

Survivors include his wife, Rebina, his son, Richard Johnson of Concord, N.H., four grandchildren, one brother, Clifford Johnson of Grinnell, and six sisters, Mrs. Willie Ann LaMiller of Grinnell, Mrs. Omar Bernice Millam of Newton, Mrs. Glenn Naomi Schuler of Grinnell, Mrs. Corwin Theima Hadley of New Providence, Mrs. George Maxine Strauser of Anoka, Minn., and Mrs. Cleo Betty Strauser of Coon Rapids, Minn. He was preceded in death by his parents.