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Ralph Jones

dies Tuesday

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Ralph E. Jones, 68, a native of Grinnell and publisher of the Hedrick Journal from 1934 to 1973, died Tuesday morning at an Ottumwa hospital.

Funeral services for Mr. Jones were set for 2 p.m. today at the Hedrick United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Leland Enke officiating. Burial will be at Brooks Cemetery near Hedrick. Masonic services were held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Fremont Funeral Chapel.

A memorial fund has been established with the Hedrick United Methodist Church.

The son of Clint and Amy Boyle Jones, he was born Feb. 12, 1909, in Grinnell. He lived with his family in Carrington, N.D., and later was graduated from Hedrick High School in 1930. He moved with his parents back to Grinnell where he attended college for one year. After returning to North Dakota, he was graduated in 1933 from Valley City State Teachers College.

He and his brother Alvan purchased the Hedrick Journal in 1933.

On Jan. 1, 1934, he was married to Floy Baker in Grinnell.

He was a member of the Hedrick United Methodist Church; Garfield Lodge No. 485, A.F. & A.M.; Hedrick Chapter No. 362, Order of Eastern Star; and the Consistory of Cedar Rapids.

Survivors include his wife, Floy; a daughter, Mrs. Vern (Helen) Ball of Bloomfield; two sons, Gary L. of Rockford, Ill., and Allen C. of Fairfield; eight grandchildren; two brothers, Laird L. of Urbandale and Alvan B. of Fremont; and one sister, Mrs. Glenn (Edith) Howell of Grinnell.