

John W. Kester, 85 Dies Here Saturday; Rites to Be Tuesday

^{H. 2 11-9-53}
John W. Kester, 85 years old and a resident of Grinnell 65 years, died Saturday morning at a local nursing home following a lingering illness.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at James funeral home. The Rev. Donald Skiles, pastor of First Assembly of God, will conduct the services and burial will be in Hazelwood cemetery.

Born Feb. 13, 1868, in Light-street, Penn., Kester moved to Grinnell 65 years ago and has made his home here since. His wife, Josephine, passed away in September, 1947.

Survivors are one son, Maurice of Grinnell; and two daughters, Mrs. Louise Reedy of Phoenix, Ariz., and Mrs. Narine Teveltrup of Sioux Center.

OBITUARY

^{H. 2 11-12-53}
John Kester was born in Light Street, Penn., Feb. 13, 1868, the son of Isaac and Sophia Oman Kester, and passed away at the Talbott nursing home in Grinnell on Nov. 7, 1953, at the age of 85 years, 8 months and 25 days.

He came to Iowa at the age of 17 and worked for Child's Studio for several years before establishing his own photo studio. He continued in the photographic profession until 1951.

On Dec. 20, 1890, he was united in marriage with Miss Josephine Loomis, and to this union were born three children; Maurice of Grinnell; Narine, Mrs. Ed Teveltrup of Sioux Center; and Louise, Mrs. Neil Reedy of Phoenix, Ariz. They, together with five grandchildren and one grandson serving in the U. S. Navy at San Diego, survive him. Mrs. Kester predeceased him in death in 1947.

John Kester was a devoted servant of his Lord, and a faithful and active member of the Assembly of God Church.

Interment was in Hazelwood cemetery, Grinnell, on Nov. 10, 1953.