

FEB. 4, 1965

**Former Countian,
Merle W. Latcham Is
Buried In Tucson, Ariz.**

The funeral of Merle W. Latcham, 43, was Monday, Jan. 18 in Tucson, Arizona. Services were held in St. Augustine Catholic Cathedral by Father Rossetti with burial in South Lawn Memorial Cemetery. Military services were by the American Legion. Mr. Latcham's death came after a prolonged illness.

Merle, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Latcham of Grinnell, was born and raised in Poweshiek County and graduated from Brooklyn High School. He was an army veteran, president of a little league, past commander of Coccio-Estrada Post American Legion and a department manager for a Firestone Store for the past 18 years. He was a Tucson resident for 24 years.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; their daughters Vidella Jane and Laureen Fay; a son, Raymond, all of Tucson. Also, his parents; a sister, Florence Sanserson, Marengo; two brothers, Gail of Montezuma and Lyle of Grinnell; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Paul McGovern, San Rafael, Cal., and Mrs. Ronn La Braesch, Killian, Texas; and his grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Olson, Grinnell.

**Merle Latcham, 43,
Former Resident,
Dies In Arizona**

Former Grinnellian Merle W. Latcham, 43, of Tucson, Ariz., son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Latcham of Grinnell, died at Tucson General Hospital on Jan. 13th, following a prolonged illness.

Rosary was recited Sunday evening, Jan. 17th, at the Rally Funeral home in Tucson with Father Kelly and Father Rourke officiating. Services were held Monday morning, Jan. 18th from St. Augustine's cathedral with Father Rossetti in charge. Interment was in South Lawn Memorial cemetery in Tucson with rites by American Legion Coccio-Estrada Post 59 of which he was past commander.

He had been a resident of Tucson for 24 years.

Born and raised in Poweshiek county, he attended school at Grinnell and Brooklyn, where he graduated. He served three years in the United States Army.

For the past 18 years he had headed the brake department of the 6th St. and 6th Ave. Firestone Store in Tucson. He was also president of the Sunshine Little League for three years and was a member of Coccio-Estrada Post 59, American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; two daughters, Vidella Jane and Laureen Fay; one son, Raymond; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Latcham of Grinnell; one sister, Florence Stanerson of Marengo; two brothers, Gail of Montezuma and Lyle of Grinnell; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Paul McGovern of San Rafael, Calif., and Mrs. Ronn La Braeske of Killian, Tex.; his grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Olson of Grinnell.