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Valere Lavent services today

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Valere C. Lavent, 90, died Friday at the Montezuma Senior Home where he had lived for the past four years. Until his health failed, he had lived in Grinnell.

Funeral services for Mr. Lavent were held at 11 a.m. today at the Smith Funeral Home on Broad St., with the Rev. Harry H. Linnenbrink, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, officiating. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Brooklyn.

The son of Aeneas and Klemence Arsens Lavent, he was born Feb. 14, 1888, in Brussels, Belgium. During World War I, he served with the Belgian army. He was captured and interned in a German POW camp.

In 1919, he came to the U.S., later becoming a citizen. He lived near Brooklyn for a period and worked on farms in Chester Township north of Grinnell.

He was married to Fanny E. Stahl on Oct. 13, 1925. The couple had two children. Mr. and Mrs. Lavent came to Grinnell in 1933. He was employed by the building and grounds department of Grinnell College.

Survivors include a son, Omar Lavent of Montezuma; a daughter, Mrs. Orin Leona Andes of Maicom; and a grandson. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife in 1954, two brothers and two sisters.

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