

Monday, September 11, 1961

Rites Here For Former Resident William Lykins

A former Grinnell resident, William H. Lykins, 74, Visalia, Calif., died early Thursday morning, Sept. 7th, at the veterans hospital in Fresno, Calif., where he had been a patient for the past five months.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home with Dr. G. S. Bruland, pastor of the Grinnell Methodist church, officiating. Vocal music will be by Mrs. Noel Taylor, accompanied by Mrs. Kathleen Heffner at the organ.

Pallbearers will be Sam Ragan, Eldon Olds, William Flaherty, Lewis Selle, Homer Lowry and Joe Schwab. Burial will be in Hazelwood cemetery with graveside rites conducted by the ceremonial unit of Grinnell American Legion Post No. 53.

Mr. Lykins was the son of John and Elizabeth Long Lykins and was born Apr. 23th, 1887, in Keota. When he was 10 years old the family moved to Grinnell where he attended the Grinnell schools. He enlisted and served in the A.E.F. during World War I. After his discharge he made his home in California where for 25 years he was an electrical engineer for the Los Angeles county hospital.

Mr. Lykins retired from work eight years ago. He was a member of the Methodist church and a past commander of the American Legion post in Monterey Park, Calif.

Survivors include one son, Willard Lykins of Waterloo; one brother, John D. Lykins of Carriere, Miss.; four sisters, Mrs. Emma Ratf and Mrs. Vearl Thode, both of Des Moines, Mrs. Marie Adams and Mrs. Lillie M. Gay, both of Visalia, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Florence, 15 years ago; and one sister, Mrs. Frances Lyons.