

# H. C. Morse <sup>H.R.</sup> Passed Away In Sleep <sup>2-10-52</sup>

Would Have Been 99  
Years Old On Next  
Birthday, May 16

H. C. Morse, for so many years a resident of Grinnell, died in Washington, D. C. in the early morning of Sunday, Feb. 10. Death came peacefully in his sleep, according to word received from his son, Leighton B. Morse. Mr. Morse would have been 99 years old if he had lived until his next birthday, May 16.

## Perfect Companionship

For many years "Deacon" and Mrs. Morse lived in Grinnell in their pleasant home at the corner of Eighth avenue and Elm street. There was a perfect companionship and they were blessed with many years together. Mrs. Morse preceded him in death on Nov. 30, 1948. She was the former Elizabeth Brown and was united in marriage with Mr. Morse in North English on Jan. 17, 1878. They had more than 70 years of happy married life.

## Devoted Members

Mr. and Mrs. Morse were devoted members of the Congregational church, a relationship which began in the fall of 1899. They were faithful in their attendance and were generous supporters of all good things in the community.

Mr. Morse had failed in health during the last few months and it had been known for a week that death was not far away.

A memorial service was held that evening, conducted by Dr. Scott of Westmoreland Congregational church. "Father's vase", writes Mr. Morse, "filled with the red gladiolas he so loved, was a part of the morning service at Westmoreland and was the center of the evening service, when neighbors and friends who had admired father for his alertness, gentleness and thoughtfulness of others met in our home to pay tribute to his memory."

## Memorial Service Here

According to present plans a joint memorial service for Mr. and Mrs. Morse will be held in Grinnell in June, when Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Morse hope to be in Grinnell.