

Monday, March 13, 1961

Services Held Here Today For Van McCrary, 86

Van McCrary, 86, Grinnell, died Friday evening at a local hospital following a month's failing health.

Funeral services were held this afternoon (Monday) from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. C. E. Kingsley, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Masonic funeral lodge was conducted by Sharp Lannom, Worshipful Master, and members of Hermon Lodge No. 273, Grinnell.

Following cremation, interment will be in the Centerville cemetery.

He was born Feb. 12th, 1875, near Keosauqua in Van Buren county, the oldest child of Ira Clinton and Mary Hilles McCrary. He was a graduate of Centerville high school and later attended business college at Princeton, Ill.

On Nov. 30th, 1898, he was united in marriage with Blanche Brough at Centerville and to this union two sons were born: John C. McCrary of Cedar Rapids and Robert H. McCrary of Los Angeles, Calif. He is also survived by two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1953, and by his parents.

Mr. McCrary lived in Des Moines and worked as a traveling salesman before moving to Grinnell 20 years ago. He was employed as a clerk at the Montroc Hotel for many years.

He was a member of the Masonic lodge for over 60 years and was a member of the consistory for 50 years. Also, he was a 22nd degree Mason.